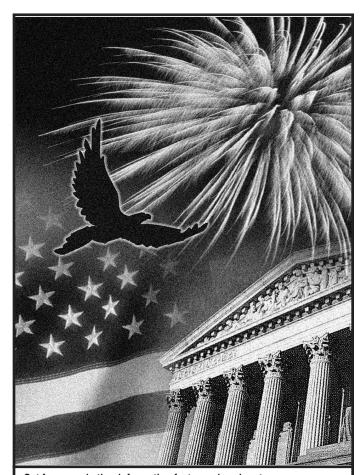


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Reminder for 2015

Report changes in circumstances when you re-enroll in coverage and during the year. If advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) were made in 2014 or are made in 2015 for an individual in your tax family (defined in the Instructions for Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit (PTC)) and you have had certain changes in circumstances (see the examples below), it is important that you report them to the Marketplace where you enroll. Reporting changes in circumstances promptly will allow the Marketplace to adjust your APTC to more accurately reflect the premium tax credit (PTC) you are estimated to be able to take on your tax return. Adjusting your APTC when you re-enroll in coverage and during the year if you have a change in circumstances can help you avoid owing tax when you file your tax return. Changes that you should report to the Marketplace include the following.

- Changes in household income.
- Moving to a different address.

- Gaining or losing eligibility for other health care coverage.
- Gaining, losing, or other changes to employment.
- Birth or adoption.
- Marriage or divorce.
- Other changes affecting the composition of your tax family.

Introduction

To determine if you can take the PTC, see the <u>Flow-chart—Can You Take the PTC</u>, later, and Form 8962 and its separate instructions.

This publication provides additional information to help you determine if your health care coverage is minimum essential coverage.

This publication also provides additional instructions for taxpayers in the following special situations.

- Taxpayers who are filing a separate return from their spouses because of domestic abuse or abandonment.
- Taxpayers who must repay excess APTC and want to determine their eligibility for penalty relief.
- Taxpayers who need to calculate PTC and APTC for a policy that covered an individual not lawfully present in the United States.
- Taxpayers who are filing a tax return but who are not claiming any personal exemptions.
- Taxpayers who need to determine the applicable second lowest cost silver plan (SLCSP) premium.
- Taxpayers who married during the tax year and want to use an alternative calculation that may lower their taxes.
- Self-employed taxpayers.

The next edition of Publication 974, which the IRS plans to issue in March 2015, will cover the additional topic of taxpayers with certain shared policy allocations.

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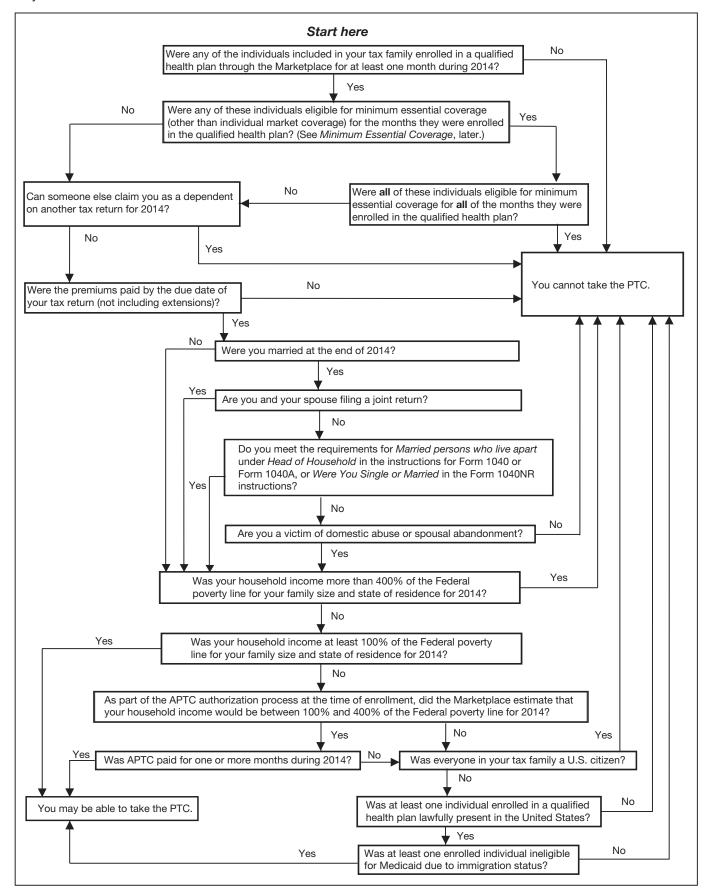
Form (and Instructions)

- ☐ 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace Statement
- □ 8962 Premium Tax Credit (PTC)

See <u>How To Get Tax Help</u>, near the end of this publication, for information about getting publications and forms.

Figure A. Can You Take the PTC?

Note. Use this flowchart to help determine whether you can take the PTC. But do not rely on this flowchart alone. Be sure you read the Instructions for Form 8962.



Minimum Essential Coverage

Under the health care law, certain health coverage is called minimum essential coverage (MEC). You generally cannot take the PTC for an individual in your tax family for any month that the individual is eligible for minimum essential coverage, except for <u>coverage in the individual market</u>, defined below. Minimum essential coverage means coverage under any of the following programs.

- Health plans offered in the individual market.
- Grandfathered health plans.
- Government-sponsored programs.
- Employer-sponsored plans.
- Other health coverage designated by the Department of Health and Human Services as minimum essential coverage.



Minimum essential coverage does not include coverage consisting solely of excepted benefits.

Excepted benefits include stand-alone vision and

dental plans (except pediatric dental coverage), workers' compensation coverage, and coverage limited to a specified disease or illness. You may have any of these types of coverage and also get the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan.

Note. Your minimum essential coverage may be reported to you on Form 1095-A or, generally beginning for coverage in 2015, on Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C.

Individual Market Plans

A health plan offered in the individual market is health insurance coverage provided to an individual by a health insurance issuer licensed by a state, including a qualified health plan offered through the Marketplace. Even though these plans are MEC, eligibility for coverage in the individual market does not prevent an individual from qualifying for the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan purchased through the Marketplace.

Grandfathered Health Plan

A grandfathered health plan means any group health plan or group health insurance coverage to which section 1251 of the Affordable Care Act applies (in general, health insurance or self-insured employer coverage that an individual was enrolled in on March 23, 2010).

Government-Sponsored Programs

Government-sponsored programs are the following.

- 1. Medicare Part A.
- 2. Medicaid, except for the following programs.
 - a. Optional coverage of family planning services.

- Optional coverage of tuberculosis-related services.
- Coverage of pregnancy-related services in states that do not provide full Medicaid benefits on the basis of pregnancy.
- d. Coverage limited to the treatment of emergency medical conditions.
- e. Coverage of medically-needy individuals (except in states where, beginning in 2015, Medicaid for medically-needy individuals is designated as MEC).
- f. Coverage under a section 1115 demonstration waiver program.

Call your state Medicaid office if you have any questions.

- 3. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- 4. Coverage under the TRICARE program, except for the following programs.
 - a. Coverage on a space-available basis in a military treatment facility for individuals who are not eligible for TRICARE coverage for private sector care.
 - Coverage for a line of duty related injury, illness, or disease for individuals who have left active duty.
- The following coverage administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Coverage consisting of the medical benefits package for eligible veterans.
 - b. Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).
 - c. Comprehensive health care for children suffering from spina bifida who are the children of Vietnam veterans and veterans of covered service in Korea.
- 6. A health plan for Peace Corps volunteers.
- 7. The Nonappropriated Fund Health Benefits Program of the Department of Defense. (This program is both government-sponsored coverage and employer-sponsored coverage.)

In general, you are eligible for a government-sponsored program if you meet the criteria for coverage under one of the programs listed above. If you can be covered under one of these programs you cannot get the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan. But see *Exceptions*, later. However, you will not lose the PTC for your coverage until the first day of the first full month you can receive benefits under the government program. If you can be covered under a government-sponsored program, you must complete the requirements necessary to receive benefits (for example, submitting an application or providing required information) by the last day of the third full calendar month following the event that establishes eligibility (for example, becoming eligible for Medicare when

you turn 65). If you do not complete the necessary requirements in this time, you will lose the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan beginning with the first day of the fourth calendar month following the event that makes you eligible for the government coverage.

Example 1. Ellen was enrolled in a qualified health plan with APTC. She turned 65 on June 3 and became eligible for Medicare. Ellen must apply to Medicare to receive benefits. She applied to Medicare in September and was eligible to receive Medicare benefits beginning on December 1. Ellen completed the requirements necessary to receive Medicare benefits by September 30 (the last day of the third full calendar month after the event that established her eligibility, turning 65). She was eligible for Medicare coverage on December 1, the first day of the first full month that she could receive benefits. Thus, Ellen can get the PTC for her coverage in the qualified health plan for January through November. Beginning in December, Ellen cannot get the PTC for her coverage in the qualified health plan because she is eligible for Medicare.

Example 2. The facts are the same as <u>Example 1</u>, except that Ellen did not apply for the Medicare coverage by September 30. Ellen is considered eligible for government-sponsored coverage beginning on October 1. She can get the PTC for her coverage for January through September. She cannot get the PTC for her coverage in a qualified health plan as of October 1, the first day of the fourth month after she turned 65.

Exceptions. You are eligible for government-sponsored coverage under the following programs only if you are enrolled in the program.

- 1. A veteran's health care program listed in (5), earlier.
- 2. The following Tricare programs:
 - a. The Continued Health Care Benefit Program.
 - b. Retired Reserve.
 - c. Young Adult.
 - d. Reserve Select.
- Medicaid coverage for comprehensive pregnancy-related services and CHIP coverage based on pregnancy, if the individual is enrolled in a qualified health plan at the time she becomes eligible for Medicaid or CHIP.
- 4. Coverage under Medicare Part A for which the individual must pay a premium.

An individual is eligible for minimum essential coverage under a Medicaid or Medicare program for which eligibility requires a determination of disability, blindness, or illness only when the responsible agency makes a favorable determination of disability.

Retroactive coverage. If APTC is being paid for coverage in a qualified health plan and you become eligible for government coverage that is effective retroactively (such as Medicaid or CHIP), you will not retroactively lose the PTC for your coverage. You can get the PTC for your cov-

erage until the first day of the first calendar month after you are approved for the government coverage.

Example. In November, Freda enrolled in a qualified health plan for the following year and got APTC for her coverage. Freda lost her part-time job and on April 10 applied for coverage under the Medicaid program. Freda's application was approved on May 15 and Medicaid covered her medical expenses beginning April 1. For purposes of the PTC, Freda was eligible for government-sponsored coverage on June 1, the first day of the first calendar month after her application was approved. Freda can get the PTC for her coverage for January through May.

Note. If you do not pay your premiums for Medicaid or CHIP coverage and you or a family member is terminated from the program, you cannot get the PTC for the coverage of that individual.

Employer-Sponsored Plans

The following employer-sponsored plans are MEC.

- Group health insurance coverage for employees under:
 - a. A governmental plan, such as the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.
 - b. A plan or coverage offered in the small or large group market within a state.
- 2. A self-insured group health plan for employees.
- The Nonappropriated Fund Health Benefits Program of the Department of Defense. (This program is both government-sponsored coverage and employer-sponsored coverage.)

You are eligible for an employer-sponsored plan (and cannot get the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan) only if the coverage is <u>affordable</u> (defined later) to the employee and the coverage provides <u>minimum value</u> (defined later). Your family members also may be unable to get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan for months they were eligible to enroll in employer-sponsored coverage but only if it was affordable for the employee. If you or your family member enrolls in the employer coverage, the individual enrolled cannot get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan, even if the employer coverage is not affordable or does not provide minimum value.

You are not treated as eligible for employer coverage, and can get the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan, for a month when you cannot receive benefits under the employer coverage (for example, you are in a waiting period before the coverage becomes effective).

If you can enroll in employer coverage that is affordable and provides minimum value during an enrollment period and you do not enroll, you cannot get the PTC for your coverage in a qualified health plan for the period you could have been enrolled in the employer coverage.

Coverage after employment ends. If you are no longer employed, you are eligible for employer coverage from your former employer (for example, COBRA or retiree coverage) only for the months that you are enrolled in the employer coverage.

Individual not in your tax family. An individual who can enroll in your employer coverage who is not a member of your tax family (for example, an adult non-dependent child under age 26) is eligible for the employer coverage only for the months the individual is enrolled.

How to determine if the plan is affordable. Your employer coverage is considered affordable for you and for a family member if your share of the annual premiums for self-only coverage is not more than 9.5% of your tax family's household income for 2014.

Wellness program incentives. If you can reduce the amount of your monthly premiums by completing a wellness program incentive (such as completing a health questionnaire or attending a smoking cessation class), the amount of your premiums for purposes of determining whether your coverage is considered affordable is reduced by the amount of the incentive only if it relates to tobacco use.

Example. George can enroll in employer coverage. George's monthly premiums for self-only coverage are \$450. If George, who is a smoker, attends a smoking cessation class, his monthly premiums will be reduced by \$100. If George completes a cholesterol screening, his monthly premiums will be reduced by \$50. Whether or not George actually completes either of these wellness program incentives, for purposes of determining whether the coverage is affordable for George, the cost of his premiums will be considered to be the amount reduced by the \$100 incentive for attending a smoking cessation class but not reduced by the \$50 incentive for completing a cholesterol screening. Therefore, for purposes of determining whether his coverage is considered affordable, George's monthly premium is treated as \$350.

Health reimbursement arrangements. Amounts your employer contributes to a health reimbursement arrangement each year that may be used to pay premiums may count as reducing the amount you must pay for premiums. The employer also must offer another health plan.

Determining affordability at the time of enrollment. Your employer coverage is not considered affordable, if, when you enroll in a qualified health plan, the Marketplace determines that your share of the cost of your premiums for employer coverage will be more than 9.5% of what the Marketplace estimates will be your household income. Eligibility for employer coverage in this situation does not disqualify you from taking the PTC when you file your tax return, even if the actual cost of your coverage was less than 9.5% of the household income on your return. However, you will be treated as eligible for affordable employer

coverage based on the household income on your tax return if:

- You did not provide current information to the Marketplace relating to your household income and the cost of your employer coverage during each annual re-enrollment period, or
- With reckless disregard for the truth you provided incorrect information to the Marketplace about your cost of premiums.

Example 1. Celia is single and has no dependents. Her household income for 2014 was \$47,000. Celia's employer offered its employees a health insurance plan that required her to contribute \$3,450 for self-only coverage for 2014 (7.3% of Celia's household income). Because Celia's required contribution for self-only coverage did not exceed 9.5% of household income, her employer's plan was affordable for Celia, and if the coverage also provided minimum value, Celia was eligible for the employer coverage for all months in 2014. Celia cannot get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan.

Example 2. The facts are the same as in <u>Example 1</u>, except that Celia is married to Jon and the employer's plan required Celia to contribute \$5,300 for coverage for Celia and Jon for 2014 (11.3% of Celia's household income). Because Celia's required contribution for self-only coverage (\$3,450) does not exceed 9.5% of household income, her employer's plan was affordable for Celia and Jon. Both Celia and John were eligible for the employer coverage for all months in 2014 and cannot get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan.

Example 3. Don was eligible to enroll in employer coverage in 2014. Don's share of the premiums was \$3,700. Don applied for coverage in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace. The Marketplace projected that Don's 2014 household income would be \$37,000 and determined that Don's employer coverage was unaffordable because Don's share of the premiums cost more than 9.5% of Don's household income. Don enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace with APTC and not in the employer coverage. In December, Don received an unexpected \$2,500 bonus. His 2014 household income reported on his tax return was \$39,500. Although Don's premiums for the employer coverage cost less than 9.5% of the household income on Don's tax return, Don is considered not eligible for the employer coverage for 2014 because the Marketplace estimated that the employer coverage would cost more than 9.5% of Don's household income. Don can get the PTC.

Example 4. Hal is eligible for employer coverage for 2014. His household income for 2014 was \$33,000 and his share of premiums for self-only coverage cost \$3,400, which is more than 9.5% of his household income. Hal enrolled in the employer coverage. Even though the employer coverage was not affordable, Hal cannot get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan because he enrolled in the employer coverage.

Example 5. Elsa is married and has 2 dependent children. Her household income for 2014 was \$39,000. Elsa's

employer offered only self-only coverage to employees. No family coverage was offered. The plan required Elsa to contribute \$3,000 for self-only coverage for 2014 (7.7% of Elsa's household income) and provided minimum value. Because Elsa's premiums for self-only coverage cost less than 9.5% of household income, her employer's plan was affordable for Elsa. Elsa was eligible for the employer coverage and cannot get the PTC for coverage in a qualified health plan for 2014. However, because Elsa's employer did not offer coverage to Elsa's husband and children, Elsa could take the PTC for her husband and 2 children if they enrolled in a qualified health plan and otherwise qualify.

Example 6. The facts are the same as in Example 5, except that Elsa's employer also offers coverage to Elsa's husband and children. The premiums for family coverage cost \$6,900 (17.7% of Elsa's household income). Because the premiums for self-only coverage cost less than 9.5% of Elsa's household income the employer coverage is considered affordable for Elsa and her family. Elsa could not take the PTC for anyone in her family.

Determining affordability for part-year period. If you are employed for part of a year or employed by different employers during the year, you determine whether your coverage is affordable by looking separately at each coverage period that is less than a full calendar year. For each period, the coverage is affordable if your share of the cost of your premiums for the entire year would not be more than 9.5% of your household income for the year.

Example. Elvis is enrolled in a qualified health plan with APTC beginning in January 2014. He begins working for a new employer in May that offers health insurance coverage with a calendar year plan year. Elvis' share of premiums for the employer coverage for the remainder of the year is \$200/month, which would be \$2,400 for the full plan year. Elvis informs the Marketplace of the offer of employer coverage. The Marketplace estimates that Elvis' household income for the year will be \$20,000. Elvis' employer coverage is unaffordable for the period May through December because his cost for the full plan year, \$2,400, would be more than 9.5% of his household income. If Elvis does not enroll in the employer plan and continues to be enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace, he will continue to be eligible for the PTC.

Coverage year not a calendar year. If your employer's coverage year is not the calendar year, you determine whether your coverage is affordable by looking separately at the coverage period in each calendar year. For each period, the coverage is affordable if what would be the total amount of your premiums if you were covered for the entire year is not more than 9.5% of your household income for the year.

Example. Maria's employer offers health insurance coverage with a plan year of September 1 – August 31. Maria's cost of premiums for the employer coverage for the period September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015, is \$3,700. Maria's household income for 2014 is \$37,000.

Maria's employer coverage is unaffordable for the period September 1 – December 31, 2014, because her cost for the plan year, \$3,700, is more than 9.5% of her 2014 household income. If Maria enrolls in a qualified health plan for 2015 and requests APTC, the Marketplace will determine whether the employer coverage is affordable for the period January 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015, by comparing Maria's cost for the plan year, \$3,700, to her estimated 2015 household income.

How to determine if a plan provides minimum value. An employer-sponsored plan provides minimum value only if the plan's share of the total allowed costs of benefits under the plan is at least 60%, that is, employees' expected cost-sharing (deductibles, co-pays, and co-insurance) under the plan is no more than 40% of the cost of the benefits. This percentage is based on actuarial principles using benefits provided to a standard population and is not based on what you actually pay for cost-sharing.

Your employer must provide you with a summary of benefits and coverage (SBC) on or before the first day of the open enrollment period for the plan you are enrolled in for the current coverage period. The employer also must provide you with SBCs you request for other plans. If you are not enrolled in a plan the employer must provide you with the SBCs for all plans in which you can enroll. The SBC will tell you whether an employer-sponsored plan provides minimum value. Beginning with coverage for 2015, your employer will send you Form 1095-C, which will tell you whether you were offered coverage in the previous year that provided minimum value (Form 1095-C, line 14).

Other Coverage Designated by the Department of Health and Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services has designated the following health benefit plans or arrangements as minimum essential coverage.

- 1. Self-insured student health plans (for 2014 only).
- 2. State high risk pools (for 2014 only).
- 3. Coverage under Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage).
- 4. Refugee Medical Assistance.
- Employer coverage provided to business owners who are not employees.
- 6. Coverage under a group health plan provided through insurance regulated by a foreign government if:
 - a. A covered individual is physically absent from the U.S. for at least 1 day during the month, or
 - A covered individual is physically present in the United States for a full month and the coverage provides health benefits within the United States while the individual is on expatriate status.

In general, if you were eligible for minimum essential coverage, you are not eligible to claim the PTC for coverage through the Marketplace. However, you are treated as eligible for minimum essential coverage under a self-insured student health plan or a state high risk pool only if you are enrolled in the coverage.

Other health benefit plans that the Department of Health and Human Services designates as minimum essential coverage will be identified at <u>irs.gov/ACA</u>.

Records of Domestic Abuse and Abandonment

If you checked the "Relief" box in the upper right corner of Form 8962, you should keep records relating to your situation, like with all aspects of your tax return. What you have available may depend on your circumstances, however the following list provides some examples of records that may be useful. (Do not attach these records to your tax return.)

- Protective and/or restraining order.
- Police report.
- Doctor's report or letter.
- A statement from someone who was aware of, or who witnessed, the abuse or the results of the abuse. The statement should be notarized if possible.
- A statement from someone who knows of the abandonment. The statement should be notarized if possible.

Penalty Relief for Taxpayers Who Have Excess APTC

The following applies only if you have excess APTC. If you do not pay all of the tax that you owe on your 2014 return by April 15, 2015, you may be subject to a penalty for failure to pay. Even if you pay all of the tax you owe by April 15, 2015, but you did not pay enough tax during the year (through withholding from your paychecks or estimated tax payments), you may be subject to a penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. The IRS is providing relief from these penalties but not from the tax under certain circumstances if you have a balance due on your 2014 income tax return as a result of excess APTC. You will not have to pay either penalty if you meet all of the following requirements.

- You are otherwise current with your tax filing and payment obligations. You are treated as current with your tax filing and payment obligations if, as of the date you file your 2014 income tax return, you meet both of the following conditions:
 - a. You have filed, or filed an extension for, all currently required federal tax returns.

- You paid or have entered into an installment agreement (which is not in default), an offer in compromise, or both to satisfy a federal tax liability.
- You report the amount of excess APTC on your 2014 tax return that is timely filed, including extensions (line 46 of Form 1040, Line 29 of Form 1040A, or line 44 of Form 1040NR).
- 3. If you timely file your return on extension after April 15, 2015, you fully pay the underlying liability by April 15, 2016.
- 4. You request relief from the penalties.

If you owe a penalty for failure to pay, the IRS will send you a notice demanding payment. To request relief from the penalty for failure to pay, you should respond to the notice demanding payment of the penalty with a letter that includes the statement: "I am eligible for the relief granted under Notice 2015-9 because I received excess advance payment of the premium tax credit." The letter should be sent to the address listed in the notice demanding payment. Interest will accrue until the underlying liability is fully paid.

If you owe an estimated tax penalty, you will figure the penalty on line 79 of your Form 1040, line 51 of your Form 1040A, or line 76 of your Form 1040NR or elect to have the IRS compute the penalty for you. To request relief from the estimated tax penalty, check box A in Part II of Form 2210, complete page 1 of the form, and include the form with your return along with the statement: "Received excess advance payment of the premium tax credit." Do not attach any documentation or complete any portion of the Form 2210 other than page 1. You do not need to figure the amount of the penalty for the penalty to be waived.

More information. For more information on both of these forms of penalty relief, see Notice 2015-9 in Internal Revenue Bulletin 2015-6, available at www.irs.gov/irb/2015-6 IRB/ar12.html.

Individuals Not Lawfully Present in the United States Enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan

The PTC is not allowed for the coverage of an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States. All APTC paid for a not lawfully present individual who enrolls in a qualified health plan must be repaid. If you or a member of your family is not lawfully present and is enrolled in a qualified health plan with family members who are lawfully present for one or more months of the year, you must use the instructions under How To Determine Your Monthly Credit Amounts and How To Determine the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid, later, to find out how much APTC, if any, you must repay. If all family members enrolled in a

qualified health plan are not lawfully present, see the discussion immediately below.

All Enrolled Family Members Not Lawfully Present

If all family members enrolled in a qualified health plan are not lawfully present, all APTC must be repaid. Complete lines on Form 8962 as explained below. **Leave all other lines blank.**

Line 1. Complete this line according to the instructions on line 1

Lines 2a, 3, 4, and 5. Enter -0-.

Line 9. Complete line 9 as provided in the Form 8962 instructions to determine whether you must complete Part 4 for a shared policy allocation. Complete Part 4 if instructed to do so by Table 3 of the Form 8962 instructions. Do **not** complete Part 5.

Line 11F (or lines 12—23, column F, if you complete Part 4). If you checked the "No" box on line 9, enter the total of your Form(s) 1095-A, Part III, line 33C, on line 11F. If you checked the "Yes" box on line 9, complete lines 12—23, column F, as provided in the Form 8962 instructions.

Lines 25, 27, and 29. Enter the amount from line 11F (or the total of lines 12–23, column F) on each line and follow the instructions on line 29.

Lawfully Present and Not Lawfully Present Family Members Enrolled

If you or a member of your family is not lawfully present and is enrolled in a qualified health plan with family members who are lawfully present for one or more months of the year, you may take the PTC only for the coverage of the lawfully present family members. You must determine and repay all APTC paid for the coverage of a not lawfully present family member. Complete Form 8962 using the following steps.

- Complete Part 1 according to the instructions. If you are instructed to repay the APTC paid for all individuals included in your tax family (for example because your household income is over 400% of the Federal poverty line), skip the rest of these steps, complete Form 8962 through line 27, and then see How To Determine the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid, later.
- Determine your monthly credit amounts using the instructions under <u>How To Determine Your Monthly</u> <u>Credit Amounts</u>, later.
- Complete line 9, including Parts 4 and 5 if instructed to do so.
- Check the "No" box on line 10, skip line 11, and complete lines 12–25. If line 24 is less than line 25, you have excess APTC. See <u>How To Determine the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid</u>, later. If line 24 is equal to or greater than line 25, complete line 26 as

instructed (do not follow the instructions under *How To Determine the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid*).

How To Determine Your Monthly Credit Amounts

If the only changes in enrollment involved your not lawfully present family member(s), see <u>Not lawfully present family members disenrolled and no other changes in enrollment or coverage family</u> next. If there were other changes in enrollment (lawfully present individuals starting or stopping coverage) or in your **coverage family** (see the instructions for Form 8962) in addition to disenrollment of your not lawfully present family member(s), see <u>Changes in enrollment or coverage family involving a lawfully present family member</u> below. If a not lawfully present family member was enrolled for the entire year, see <u>No reference month</u>, later.

Not lawfully present family members disenrolled and no other changes in enrollment or coverage family. If all of your family members who are not lawfully present are enrolled for only a portion of the year and there are no other changes during the year in your coverage family or the family members who are enrolled in the coverage, you should enter on Form 8962 for every month of the year the enrollment premiums and applicable SLCSP premium the Marketplace reports on Form 1095-A for the months when only lawfully present individuals were enrolled in the coverage.

Example 1. Andrew enrolls himself and his three dependents, Terri, Phil and Anne in a qualified health plan. Anne is not lawfully present in the United States. The monthly enrollment premiums for the plan are \$1,000. No one in Andrew's family is eligible for minimum essential coverage (other than Marketplace coverage) and the applicable SLCSP premium that would apply to all four members of Andrew's family is \$1,200. There are no changes in the coverage family during the year. Anne is disenrolled from coverage as of April 1. The monthly enrollment premiums for Andrew and his other two dependents are \$800 and the applicable SLCSP premium that applies to Andrew's coverage family of 3 is \$900. The Marketplace reports the following amounts on Form 1095-A, Part III.

Months	Column A	Column B
January, February, March	\$1,000	\$1,200
April through December	800	900

When completing Form 8962, Andrew enters \$800 as the enrollment premiums on lines 12–23, column A, and \$900 as the premium for the applicable SLCSP on lines 12–23, column B.

Changes in enrollment or coverage family involving a <u>lawfully</u> present family member. If your not lawfully present family members are enrolled for only a portion of the year and there are other enrollment changes or changes in your coverage family, use these rules to

determine the enrollment premiums and the applicable SLCSP premium for the months any not lawfully present family members are enrolled. First, use <u>Worksheet A</u>, later, to determine if you have a reference month for enrollment premiums or for the applicable SLCSP premium. You may have a <u>reference month for enrollment premiums</u> (discussed next) or a <u>reference month for the applicable SLCSP premium</u> (discussed below), or for both.

Reference month for enrollment premiums. A reference month for enrollment premiums is a month in which the not lawfully present family member is **not** enrolled in coverage and there are no other changes in the members of your family who are enrolled in the coverage. In other words, your enrolled family members are the same during the reference month as for a month the not lawfully present member was enrolled, except that the not lawfully present family member is not enrolled. Enter on Form 8962, Part 2, column A, the enrollment premiums for the reference month as the enrollment premiums for the months the not lawfully present family member was enrolled.

Reference month for SLCSP premium. A reference month for the applicable SLCSP premium is a month in which the not lawfully present family member is not enrolled in coverage and there are no other changes in your coverage family. In other words, your coverage family is the same during the reference month as for a month the not lawfully present family member was enrolled, except the not lawfully present family member is not included in your coverage family. Enter on Form 8962, Part 2, column B, the applicable SLCSP premium for the reference month as the applicable SLCSP premium for the months the not lawfully present family member was enrolled.

No reference month. If you do not have a reference month for enrollment premiums, you may have to contact your insurance company to find out what the amount of the enrollment premiums would have been if the policy had covered only lawfully present family members. If you do not have a reference month for the applicable SLCSP premium, you must look up the SLCSP premium that applies to your coverage family (without any not lawfully present family members). See <u>Determining the Premium for the Applicable Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)</u>, later.



You may use <u>Worksheet A</u>, later, to determine whether or not you have any reference months.

Example 2. The facts are the same as in <u>Example 1</u>, earlier, except that Andrew becomes eligible for employer-sponsored coverage on September 1, notifies the Marketplace, but remains enrolled in the qualified health plan (although he cannot take the premium tax credit for his coverage for the months after August). The applicable SLCSP premium that applies to Terri and Phil only is \$400. The Marketplace reports the following amounts on Form 1095-A, Part III.

Months	Column A	Column B
January, February, March	\$1,000	\$1,200
April through August	800	900
September through December	800	400

Andrew cannot use line 11 and must complete lines 12-23 on Form 8962. April through August are reference months for both enrollment premiums and the applicable SLCSP premium for January through March (the months Anne was enrolled in coverage) because Andrew's coverage family and enrolled family members for April through August (Andrew, Phil and Terri) are the same as for January through March except for Anne who is not lawfully present. (September through December are also reference months for enrollment premiums.) The enrollment premiums and SLCSP premium for April through August are the same amounts they would have been for January through March without Anne. Therefore, for the months January through March, Andrew enters on Form 8962, lines 12-23, \$800 (the enrollment premiums for April through August) in column A and \$900 (the SLCSP premium that applies to the coverage family for April through August) in column B.

Example 3. The facts are the same as in <u>Example 1</u>, earlier, except that Andrew becomes eligible for employer-sponsored coverage on April 1, notifies the Market-place, but remains enrolled in the qualified health plan. The Marketplace reports the following amounts on Form 1095-A, Part III.

Months	Column A	Column B
January, February, March	\$1,000	\$1,200
April through December	800	400

Andrew does not have a reference month for the applicable SLCSP premium for the months Anne was enrolled in the qualified health plan because there is another change in his coverage family for the months April through December (Andrew is not in the coverage family because he is eligible for employer-sponsored coverage). Thus, there are no months when Andrew's coverage family is the same (except for Anne) before and after Anne is disenrolled from coverage. Andrew must look up the SLCSP premium that applies to his coverage family without Anne. Andrew determines that the correct applicable SLCSP premium to enter on Form 8962 for the months January through March for a coverage family consisting of Andrew, Terri, and Phil is \$900.

April through December are reference months for Andrew for enrollment premiums because the family members who are enrolled for those months are the same family members who were enrolled in January through March, except for Anne.

Therefore, for the months January through March, Andrew enters on Form 8962, lines 12–23, \$800 (the enrollment premiums for April through December) in column A and \$900 (the SLCSP premium that would apply to the coverage family of Andrew, Terri, and Phil) in column B.

Worksheet A. Do You Have Any Reference Months?

Note. Use this worksheet to determine whether or not you have any reference months.

М	onths in 2014	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.	Check a box for each month in which any family members not lawfully present were enrolled in coverage												
2.	Check a box for each month in which: Only lawfully present family members were enrolled in coverage, and There were no other changes in members of your tax family who are enrolled in coverage, as compared to a month for which you checked a box on line 1												
	The months for which you checked boxes on line 2 are your reference months for enrollment premiums. Use the enrollment premium reported on Form 1095-A, Part III, column A, for the reference month as your enrollment premium on Form 8962 for the month(s) you checked on line 1. Note. If you did not check any boxes on this line, see <i>No reference month</i> , earlier.												
3.	Check a box for each month in which: Only lawfully present family members were enrolled in coverage, and There were no other changes in your coverage family, as compared to a month for which you checked a box on line 1												
	The months for which you checked boxes on line 3 are your reference months for the applicable SLCSP premium. Use the applicable SLCSP premium reported on Form 1095-A, Part III, column B, for the reference month as your applicable SLCSP premium on Form 8962 for the month(s) you checked on line 1.												
	Note. If you did not check any boxes on this line, see <i>No reference month</i> , earlier.												

How To Determine the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid

The excess APTC repayment limitation (see the instructions for Form 8962, line 28) applies only to excess APTC for coverage of lawfully present individuals. Excess APTC that relates to the coverage of individuals who are not lawfully present must be repaid without limitation. Use Worksheet B, later, to determine the amount of excess APTC that you must repay if all of the following apply.

- You or a member of your family is not lawfully present and is enrolled in a qualified health plan with family members who are lawfully present for one or more months of the year.
- You have excess APTC on line 27 of Form 8962.
- Your excess APTC on line 27 of Form 8962 is more than your repayment limitation amount from Table 5 in the Form 8962 instructions.

If line 27 is not more than your repayment limitation amount from Table 5 in the Form 8962 instructions, do not complete Worksheet B. Leave line 28 of Form 8962 blank, enter the amount from line 27 on line 29, and follow the instructions on line 29. If you must complete Worksheet B, see the illustrated example next.

Illustrated Example of Determining the Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid

Andrew enrolls himself and his three dependents, Terri, Phil, and Anne in a qualified health plan. Anne is not lawfully present in the United States and is disenrolled from the coverage as of April 1. Andrew becomes eligible for employer-sponsored coverage on September 1, notifies the Marketplace, but remains enrolled in the qualified health plan. When Andrew and his family enroll in the qualified health plan, the Marketplace estimates that their household income will be \$47,100, which is 200% of the Federal poverty line. The annual contribution amount

based on this estimate used to determine APTC is \$2,967 or \$247 per month. The Marketplace reports the following amounts on Form 1095-A, Part III.

Months	Column A	Column B	Column C
January, February, March	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$953
August	800	900	653
September through December	800	400	153

Andrew's household income for the year on his Form 8962, line 3, is \$58,875, which is 250% of the Federal poverty line. The annual contribution amount Andrew enters on line 8a is \$4,739 and the monthly contribution amount he enters on line 8b is \$395.

April through August are reference months for both enrollment premiums and the applicable SLCSP premium for January through March (the months Anne was enrolled in coverage) because Andrew's coverage family and enrolled family members for April through August (Andrew, Phil and Terri) are the same as for January through March except for Anne. (September through December are also reference months for enrollment premiums.) Therefore, for the months January through March, Andrew enters on Form 8962, lines 12–23, \$800 (the enrollment premiums for April through August) in column A and \$900 (the SLCSP premium that applies to the coverage family for April through August) in column B.

Andrew's PTC on line 24 is \$4,060, his APTC on line 25 is \$6,736, and his excess APTC on line 27 is \$2,676. Andrew files his tax return using the head-of-household filing status. Andrew's Table 5 repayment limitation amount is \$1,500. Because Andrew's line 27 is more than his repayment limitation amount, he computes the amount of excess APTC he must repay by completing Worksheet B as shown later.

Worksheet B. Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid

Note. Complete columns **only** for the months a not lawfully present family member was enrolled in coverage. (If you completed <u>Worksheet A</u>, earlier, these are the months for which you checked a box on line 1 of the worksheet.)

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	nths in 2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Dec
1.	Enter APTC from Form 1095-A, Part III, column C													
2.	Enter the monthly credit amount from Form 8962, Part 2, column E													
3.	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, leave this line blank and skip lines 4–10 for the month													
4.	Enter the monthly premium amount from Form 1095-A, Part III, column A													
5.	Enter the SLCSP premium from Form 1095-A, Part III, column B													
6.	Enter the monthly contribution amount from Form 8962, line 8b													
7.	Subtract line 6 from line 5													
8.	Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 7													
9.	Subtract line 8 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0													
10.	Subtract line 9 from line 3													
11.	Add the amounts on individuals who were 8962, line 28, and co	not lawful	ly presen	. Enter the	repaymen	t limitatior	from Tab	le 5 in the	Form 8962	2 instructio	ns on Forr		1.	
12.	Enter the repayment	limitation f	rom Table	e 5 in the F	orm 8962 i	nstruction	ıs					1	2.	
13.	Add lines 11 and 12											1	3.	
14.	Enter the amount fro	m Form 89	62, line 2	7								1	4.	
15.	Compare lines 13 an If line 14 is more line 29. If line 14 is less	than line										on		

Andrew's Worksheet B. Excess APTC That Must Be Repaid

Note. Complete columns **only** for the months a not lawfully present family member was enrolled in coverage. (If you completed Worksheet A, earlier, these are the months for which you checked a box on line 1 of the worksheet.)

Mor	ths in 2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	No	V	Dec
1.	Enter APTC from Form 1095-A, Part III, column C	\$953	\$953	\$953										
2.	Enter the monthly credit amount from Form 8962, Part 2, column E	505	505	505										
3.	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, leave this line blank and skip lines 4–10 for the month	448	448	448										
4.	Enter the monthly premium amount from Form 1095-A, Part III, column A	1,000	1,000	1,000										
5.	Enter the SLCSP premium from Form 1095-A, Part III, column B	1,200	1,200	1,200										
6.	Enter the monthly contribution amount from Form 8962, line 8b	395	395	395										
7.	Subtract line 6 from line 5	805	805	805										
8.	Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 7	805	805	805										
9.	Subtract line 8 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0	148	148	148										
10.	Subtract line 9 from line 3	300	300	300										
11.	Add the amounts on individuals who were 8962, line 28, and co	not lawful	ly present	. Enter the	repaymen	nt limitatio	n from Tab	ole 5 in the	Form 896	2 instructio	ns on For	m 	11.	900
12.	Enter the repayment	limitation f	rom Table	5 in the F	orm 8962	instruction	ns						12.	1,500
13.	Add lines 11 and 12	<u>.</u>		<u>.</u>		<u>.</u>				<u>.</u>			13.	2,400
14.	Enter the amount from	m Form 89	62, line 2	7									14.	2,676
15.	Compare lines 13 an If line 14 is more line 29. If line 14 is less	than line										on		

Andrew's Worksheet B

Line 1. Andrew enters \$953. This is the monthly APTC shown on Form 1095-A, Part III, column C for January, February, and March (the months that Anne was enrolled in coverage).

Line 2. Andrew enters \$505. This is the amount from Form 8962, Part 2, Column E, for January – March and

represents the applicable monthly SLCSP premium for April – August (reference months for the applicable SLCSP premium) for Andrew, Terri, and Phil of \$900 minus the monthly contribution amount of \$395 from Form 8962, line 8b.

Line 4. Andrew enters \$1,000. This is the monthly premium for January – March shown on Form 1095-A, Part III, column A.

Line 5. Andrew enters \$1,200. This is the applicable SLCSP premium shown on Form 1095-A, Part III, column B.

Line 6. Andrew enters \$395. This is the monthly contribution amount from Form 8962, line 8b.

Lines 7–14. Andrew completes these lines as instructed on Worksheet B.

Line 15. Line 14 is more than line 13. Accordingly, Andrew enters the amount from line 13 (\$2,400) on Form 8962, lines 28 and 29.

Individuals Filing a Tax Return and Claiming No Personal Exemptions

If you file an income tax return but claim no personal exemptions, even for yourself, your tax family size is 0 and you cannot take the PTC. You must repay the APTC for which you are responsible. Complete lines on Form 8962 as explained below. **Leave all other lines blank.**

Note. If you enrolled yourself or another person in a qualified health plan and APTC was paid for the coverage, the taxpayer claiming a personal exemption for the person enrolled must reconcile the APTC. See *Policy shared with an individual for whom another taxpayer claims a personal exemption* in Part 4 of the Form 8962 instructions. If you enrolled only yourself and another taxpayer claims you as a dependent, you do not have to file Form 8962. If you enrolled yourself or another person and no one else claims a personal exemption for the person enrolled, you must file Form 8962 and reconcile the APTC.

Lines 1, 2a, 3, 4, and 5. Enter -0-.

Line 9. Complete line 9 as provided in the Form 8962 instructions to determine whether you must complete Part 4 for a shared policy allocation. Complete Part 4 if instructed to do so by Table 3 of the Form 8962 instructions. Do **not** complete Part 5.

Line 11F (or lines 12–23, column F, if you complete Part 4). If you checked the "No" box on line 9, enter the total of your Form(s) 1095-A, Part III, line 33C, on line 11F. If you checked the "Yes" box on line 9, complete lines 12–23, column F, as provided in the Form 8962 instructions.

Lines 25, 27, and 29. Enter the amount from line 11F (or the total of lines 12–23, column F) on each line and follow the instructions on line 29.

Example 1. Jeff enrolls himself in a qualified health plan for 2014. The Form 1095-A he received from the Market-place shows that APTC of \$4,000 was paid for his coverage. Jeff files an income tax return on Form 1040A for 2014 and claims no personal exemptions. Jeff completes Form 8962 as follows.

Lines 1, 2a, 3, 4, and 5. Jeff enters -0-.

Line 9. Jeff checks the "No" box.

Lines 11F, 25, 27, and 29. Jeff enters \$4,000 APTC on these lines and on line 29 of his Form 1040A.

Example 2. Mark enrolls himself and his child. Donna. in a qualified health plan with coverage effective for all of 2014. The Form 1095-A he received from the Marketplace shows that \$6,000 of APTC was paid for their coverage (\$500 is entered in Part III, column C, for each of lines 21-32). Mark files an income tax return for 2014 on Form 1040 and claims no personal exemptions. Mark's parents, Steve and Sherry, claim a personal exemption for Mark. No one claims a personal exemption for Donna. Because Mark enrolled Donna in coverage and no one claims a personal exemption for Donna, Mark must reconcile the APTC paid for Donna's coverage. Steve and Sherry must reconcile the APTC paid for Mark's coverage. Because Steve and Sherry must reconcile the APTC paid for Mark's coverage and Mark must reconcile the APTC paid for Donna's coverage, Mark must complete Part 4 of Form 8962 to allocate shared policy amounts with Steve and Sherry, Mark, Sherry, and Steve do not agree on an allocation percentage. Mark completes Form 8962 as follows.

Lines 1, 2a, 3, 4, and 5. Mark enters -0-.

Line 9. Mark answers "Yes" to questions 3a and 3b on Table 3 in the Form 8962 instructions. He checks the "Yes" box on line 9 as instructed by his answer to question 3b.

Line 30 (Part 4). Mark enters the Marketplace assigned policy number in column a, Steve's social security number in column b, "01" in column c, and "12" in column d. He leaves columns e and f blank because he is not an applicable taxpayer. He enters "0.50" in column g. This is the allocation percentage based on the rules under Policy shared with an individual for whom another taxpayer claims a personal exemption in the Form 8962 instructions.

Lines 12–23, column F. Mark enters \$250 on each line (0.50 x the \$500 APTC shown on his Form 1095-A).

Lines 25, 27, and 29. Mark enters \$3,000 APTC, which is the total of lines 12–23, column F, on these lines and on line 46 of his Form 1040.

Determining the Premium for the Applicable Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)

If you or a member of your family enrolls in a qualified health plan and requests financial assistance, the Marketplace identifies the SLCSP premium that applies to your coverage family, based on information you provided on the application, and reports this amount on Form 1095-A. The Marketplace determines the applicable SLCSP premium based on your address and the members of your coverage family. Providing correct information on your application for financial assistance and notifying the Marketplace if you move or the members of your coverage family change is necessary for the Marketplace to report a correct applicable SLCSP premium. If the Marketplace does not have accurate and updated information, the applicable SLCSP premium the Marketplace reports on Form 1095-A may not be accurate for all months and you will need to determine the correct applicable SLCSP premium for those months.

If you did not request financial assistance, the Market-place may not report an applicable SLCSP premium (Part III, column B, will be blank), or it may report an SLCSP premium that applies to everyone enrolled in your qualified health plan because it may not be able to identify the members of your coverage family from the information on your application. If you take the PTC on your tax return, you will need to determine the SLCSP premium that applies to your coverage family for each month of coverage.

Only the Marketplaces are able to provide SLCSP premiums. The Federally-facilitated Marketplace and most state Marketplaces have provided SLCSP premium tools which, as you prepare your tax return, you may use to look up the SLCSP premium that applies to your coverage family for each month. If you enrolled through the Federally-facilitated Marketplace you will find the tool at https://www.healthcare.gov/taxes/tools/silver/.

If you enrolled through a state Marketplace, you may find information about whether your state has an SLCSP premium tool on that state's website. If your state Marketplace does not have an SLCSP premium tool, you will need to contact the state Marketplace for the correct SLCSP premium.

Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage

Before you read this section, first read the instructions for line 9 in the instructions for Form 8962. Complete Table 4 and, if required, Worksheet 2 in those instructions. Then continue reading this section if you meet either of the following conditions.

- You checked the "No" box on Form 8962, line 6, and you answered "Yes" to all 5 questions in Table 4.
- You checked the "Yes" boxes on Form 8962, line 6, and on line 14 of Worksheet 2.



If you do not meet either of the above conditions, you are **not** eligible to elect the alternative calculation. Leave Form 8962, Part 5, blank.

If you are eligible, electing the alternative calculation may reduce the amount of excess APTC you have to repay. Electing the alternative calculation is optional. Worksheet V (shown later) will tell you whether the alternative calculation will benefit you.

You must complete a worksheet only if you are enrolled in coverage or you enrolled another individual in your tax family in coverage. Your spouse must complete a worksheet only if your spouse enrolled in coverage or enrolled another individual in your tax family in coverage.

Which Steps To Complete

- Only if you were enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, or if you enrolled an individual in your tax family in coverage, for one or more of your pre-marriage months, complete Steps 1, 2, and 5.
- Only if your spouse was enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, or enrolled an individual in your tax family in coverage, for one or more of your pre-marriage months, complete Steps 3, 4, and 5.
- If an individual in your tax family was enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, but not by either you or your spouse for any of your pre-marriage months, you may include that individual in either Steps 1, 2, and 5 if you enrolled someone or Steps 3, 4, and 5 if your spouse enrolled someone.
- The instructions for Step 5 will prompt you to complete <u>Worksheet V</u>. If you check the "Yes" box on Work-sheet V, line 14, complete Steps 6, 7, and 8.

Your pre-marriage months include the month you got married.

Before you begin the steps, determine your alternative family size and your spouse's alternative family size using the instructions under *Alternative family size*, later.



If you completed Part 4 of Form 8962, do not include any amounts from Form(s) 1095-A that were allocated to another taxpayer when com-

pleting the steps for your alternative calculation.

Alternative family size. Your alternative family size is used to determine an alternative monthly contribution amount (see *Monthly contribution amount* under *Terms You May Need to Know* in the Instructions for Form 8962) on Worksheets I and III, which may reduce the amount of excess APTC for the pre-marriage months that you must repay. When determining your alternative family size, include yourself and any individual in the tax family who qualifies as your dependent for the year under the rules explained in the instructions for Form 1040 or 1040A, line 6c, or Form 1040NR, line 7c. Do not include any individual who does not qualify as your dependent under those rules or who is included in your spouse's alternative family size.

When determining your spouse's alternative family size, include your spouse and any individual in the tax family who qualifies as your spouse's dependent for the year under the rules explained in the instructions for Form 1040 or 1040A, line 6c, or Form 1040NR, line 7c. Do not include any individual who does not qualify as your spouse's dependent under those rules or who is included in your alternative family size.

Note. You may include an individual who qualifies as the dependent of both you and your spouse in either alternative family size.

Example 1. Ron, Suzy, and their son Max have lived together since July 2013. Ron and Suzy got married in August 2014. Each of them had coverage under a qualified health plan for the months before September. Max qualifies as Ron's dependent under the rules explained in the instructions for Form 1040, line 6c. Max also qualifies as Suzy's dependent under those rules. Ron and Suzy can include Max in either alternative family size.

Example 2. Rob and his son Liam lived together from January through May 2014. On June 10, 2014, Rob married Tara. She moved in with Rob and Liam on June 11. Each of them had coverage under a qualified health plan for the months before July. Liam qualifies as Rob's dependent under the rules explained in the instructions for Form 1040, line 6c. Liam also qualifies as Tara's dependent under those rules. (Liam is Tara's stepchild and lived with Tara for more than half of 2014.) Rob and Tara can include Liam in either alternative family size.

Example 3. Stacey and her daughter Leia lived together from January through July 2014. Stacey married Vince in August 2014 and Vince moved in with Stacey and Leia. Each of them had coverage under a qualified health plan for the months before September. Leia qualifies as Stacey's dependent under the rules explained in the instructions for Form 1040, line 6c. Leia does not qualify as

Vince's dependent under those rules because Leia did not live with Vince for more than half of 2014. Stacey must include Leia in her alternative family size. Vince cannot include Leia in his alternative family size.

Step 1

Complete Worksheet I, later, if you meet the condition described in the first bullet below. Also complete Worksheet I for an individual described in the second bullet.

- You were enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, or you enrolled an individual included in your tax family in coverage, for one or more of your pre-marriage months.
- An individual in your tax family was enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, but not by either you or your spouse for any of your pre-marriage months, you enrolled someone in a qualified health plan, and you include that individual in Steps 1, 2, and 5.

Step 2

Complete Worksheet II, later, to determine your alternative monthly credit amounts to include on Form 8962, lines 12–23, column E, for your pre-marriage months. Enter in columns A and B on Worksheet II the amounts from columns A and B in Part III of the Form(s) 1095-A that reports coverage for the individuals for whom you completed Step 1

Note. For your pre-marriage months, if there were changes in your coverage family that you did not report to the Marketplace or APTC was not paid for the coverage, you may have to determine a new premium for your applicable SLCSP for those months. See <u>Determining the Premium for the Applicable Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)</u>, earlier.

Step 3

Complete Worksheet III, later, if your spouse meets the condition described in the first bullet below. Also complete Worksheet III for an individual described in the second bullet.

- Your spouse was enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, or your spouse enrolled an individual included in your tax family in coverage, for one or more of your pre-marriage months.
- An individual in your tax family was enrolled in coverage under a qualified health plan, but not by either you or your spouse for any of your pre-marriage months, your spouse enrolled someone in a qualified health plan, and your spouse includes that individual in Steps 3, 4, and 5.

Step 4

Complete Worksheet IV, later, to determine your spouse's alternative monthly credit amounts to include on Form 8962, lines 12–23, column E, for your pre-marriage months. Enter in columns A and B on Worksheet IV the amounts from columns A and B in Part III of the Form(s) 1095-A that reports coverage for the individuals for whom you completed Step 3.

Note. For your pre-marriage months, if there were changes in your spouse's coverage family that your spouse did not report to the Marketplace or APTC was not paid for the coverage, your spouse may have to determine a new premium for the applicable SLCSP for those months. See <u>Determining the Premium for the Applicable Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)</u>, earlier.

Step 5

After you have completed Steps 1 and 2 and/or Steps 3 and 4, complete Worksheet V, later, to determine what entries you must make on Form 8962, lines 12–23, for your pre-marriage months.

Step 6

Complete Form 8962, lines 35 and 36 using the following instructions. Follow these instructions only if you checked the "**Yes**" box on <u>Worksheet V</u>, line 14.

Line 35.

- Column a: Enter the family size from Worksheet I, line 1.
- Column b: Enter the amount from Worksheet I, line 7.
- Column c: Enter the month from Worksheet I, line 8.
- Column d: Enter the month from Worksheet I, line 9.

Line 36.

 Column a: Enter the family size from Worksheet III, line 1.

- Column b: Enter the amount from Worksheet III, line 7.
- Column c: Enter the month from Worksheet III, line 8.
- Column d: Enter the month from Worksheet III, line 9.

Step 7

Complete Form 8962, lines 12–23, columns A–F, using the following instructions. Follow these instructions only if you checked the "Yes" box on Worksheet V, line 14.

Column A. Enter the amounts from column A of Worksheet 2 in the Form 8962 instructions.

Column B. Enter the amounts from column B of Worksheet 2 in the Form 8962 instructions.

Column C. For pre-marriage months, enter the totals of Worksheet II, column C, and Worksheet IV, column C. For example, if you entered \$200 on Worksheet II, column C, lines 1–5, and you entered \$250 on Worksheet IV, column C, lines 3–5, enter \$200 on lines 12 and 13, and \$450 on lines 14–16 of Form 8962, column C.

For the months you were married for the entire month, enter the amount from Form 8962, line 8b.

Column D. Subtract column C from column B and enter the result. If zero or less, enter zero.

Column E. For your pre-marriage months, enter the amounts from lines 1–12, column A, of Worksheet V, later, in the boxes for the corresponding months in column E.

For the months you were married for the entire month, enter the smaller of column A or D.

Column F. Enter the amounts from column F of Worksheet 2 in the Form 8962 instructions.

Step 8

Continue to Form 8962, line 24, and complete the rest of the form.

Worksheet I. Your Alternative Monthly Contribution Amount

1.	Alternative family size: Enter the total number of individuals in your alternative family size (discussed earlier)	1.	
2.	One-half of household income: Divide Form 8962, line 3, by 2. Round to the nearest whole dollar amount	2.	
3.	Alternative Federal poverty line: Enter the Federal poverty amount as determined by your alternative family size on line 1 above and the Federal poverty table you used on Form 8962,	•	
4.	Alternative household income as a percentage of Federal poverty line: Divide line 2 by line 3. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. Use the same rounding rules provided under <i>Line 5</i> of the Instructions for Form 8962. If the result is more than 400, stop . Do not complete the rest of this worksheet or Step 2. Continue to <u>Step 3</u> if you were instructed to complete that step by the second or third bullet under <u>Which Steps To Complete</u> , earlier. Otherwise, if you did not complete Part 4 of Form 8962, check the "No" box on line 9 of Form 8962 and continue to line 10. If you completed Part 4 of Form 8962, check the "No" box on line 10, and see <i>Lines 12 through 23—Monthly Calculation</i> in the Instructions for Form 8962		
5.	Alternative applicable figure: Using your line 4 percentage, locate your applicable figure on Table 2 in the Instructions for Form 8962	5.	
6.	Multiply line 2 by line 5	6.	
7.	Alternative monthly contribution for health care: Divide line 6 by 12 and enter the result rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount	7.	
8.	Alternative start month: Enter the first full month you or any individual included in your alternative family size on line 1 had coverage under a qualified health plan. For example, enter "02" if you were enrolled in a qualified health plan with coverage effective on February 1	8.	
9.	Alternative stop month: Enter the last month you or any individual included in your alternative family size on line 1 had coverage under a qualified health plan or the month in which you got married, whichever is earlier . For example, enter "09" if you had coverage under a qualified health plan for all of 2014 and you got married on September 5	9.	

Worksheet II. Your Alternative Monthly Credit Amounts for Pre-Marriage Months

Complete this worksheet only for months beginning with the month on line 8 of Worksheet I and ending with the month on line 9 of Worksheet I. For example, if you entered "02" on Worksheet I, line 8, and "10" on Worksheet I, line 9, complete only lines 2–10 of this worksheet.											
Monthly	• • •	B. Form(s) 1095-A,	C. Worksheet I,	D. Subtract column	E. Smaller of						

Monthly Calculation	A. Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column A*	B. Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column B*	C. <u>Worksheet I,</u> line 7	D. Subtract column C from column B**	E. Smaller of column A or column D
1 January					
2 February					
3 March					
4 April					
5 May					
6 June					
7 July					
8 August					
9 September					
10 October					
11 November					
12 December					

^{*}See Step 2, earlier, for instructions on the Form 1095-A amounts to report on this worksheet.

After completing this worksheet: Continue to <u>Step 3</u> if you were instructed to complete that step by the second or third bullet under <u>Which Steps To Complete</u>, earlier. Otherwise, go to <u>Step 5</u>.

^{**}If zero or less, enter -0-.

Worksheet III. Your Spouse's Alternative Monthly Contribution Amount

1.	Alternative family size: Enter the total number of individuals in your spouse's alternative family size (discussed earlier)	1.		
2.	One-half of household income: Divide Form 8962, line 3, by 2. Round to the nearest whole dollar amount	2.		
3.	Alternative Federal poverty line: Enter the Federal poverty amount as determined by your spouse's alternative family size on line 1 above and the Federal poverty table you used on Form 8962, line 4	3.		
4.	Alternative household income as a percentage of Federal poverty line: Divide line 2 by line 3. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. Use the same rounding rules provided under <i>Line 5</i> of the Instructions for Form 8962. If the result is more than 400, stop . Do not complete the rest of this worksheet or Step 4. If you completed Step 2, continue to Step 5. If you did not complete Step 2 and you did not complete Part 4 of Form 8962, check the " No " box on line 9 of Form 8962 and continue to line 10. If you did not complete Step 2 and you completed Part 4 of Form 8962, check the " No " box on line 10, and see <i>Lines 12 through 23—Monthly Calculation</i> in the Instructions for Form 8962.	4.		
5.	Alternative applicable figure: Using your line 4 percentage, locate your applicable figure on Table 2 in the Instructions for Form 8962	5.		
6.	Multiply line 2 by line 5	6.		
7.	Alternative monthly contribution for health care: Divide line 6 by 12 and enter the result rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount	7.		
8.	Alternative start month: Enter the first full month your spouse or any individual included in your spouse's alternative family size on line 1 had coverage under a qualified health plan. For example, enter "05" if your spouse was enrolled in a qualified health plan with coverage effective on May 1	8.		
9.	Alternative stop month: Enter the last month your spouse or any individual included in your spouse's alternative family size on line 1 had coverage under a qualified health plan or the month in which you got married, whichever is earlier . For example, enter "07" if your spouse's coverage under a qualified health plan (and the coverage of all individuals included in your spouse's alternative family size) terminated July 31 and you got married on September 5	9.		

Worksheet IV. Your Spouse's Alternative Monthly Credit Amounts for Pre-Marriage Months

,,,,	Complete this worksheet only for months beginning with the month on line 8 of Worksheet III and ending with the month on line 9 of Worksheet III. For example, if you entered "05" on Worksheet III, line 8, and "10" on Worksheet III, line 9, complete only lines 5–10 of this worksheet.					
	onthly Iculation	A. Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column A*	B. Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column B*	C. Worksheet III, line 7	D. Subtract column C from column B**	E. Smaller of column A or column D
1 J	anuary					
2 F	ebruary					
3 N	/larch					
4 A	April					
5 N	l ay					
6 J	une					
7 J	uly					
8 A	lugust					
9 S	September					
10 C	October					
11 N	lovember					
12 D	December					
*See §	Step 4, earlie	er, for instructions on the	e Form 1095-A amount	s to report on this wor	ksheet.	

**If zero or less, enter -0-.

After completing this worksheet: Continue to <u>Step 5</u>.

Worksheet V. Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage Totals Worksheet

Column A. Complete column A below only for the months you have entries in column E of Worksheet II and/or Worksheet IV. Leave column A blank for all other months. Add the amounts in column E of Worksheets II and IV separately for each month and enter the total in column A below on the line for the same month.

Column B. Complete column B below for any month you have an entry in column A. For each month, enter the corresponding amount from lines 1-12, column E, of Worksheet 2 under Line 9 in the Instructions for Form 8962. If you did not complete Worksheet 2 because you entered more than 400 on Form 8962, line 5, leave column B, lines 1–12, blank and enter -0- on line 13.

	Monthly Calculation		A. Total Alternative Premium Assistance Amounts	B. Premium Assistance Amounts (Regular Calculation)
1	January	1		
2	February	2		
3	March	3		
4	April	4		
5	May	5		
6	June	6		
7	July	7		
8	August	8		
9	September	9		
10	October	10		
11	November	11		
12	December	12		
13	Totals: Enter the total of column A, lines 1–12, and the total of column B, lines 1–12	13		
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14	Is line 13	3. column A	, more than	line 13	. column B
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☐ **Yes.** Your alternative calculation reduces your excess APTC. If you did not complete Part 4 of Form 8962, check the "**Yes**" box on line 9. Continue to Steps 6, 7, and 8, earlier.

□ No. The alternative calculation does not reduce your excess APTC. Leave Form 8962, Part 5, blank.

- If you did not complete Part 4 of Form 8962, check the "No" box on line 9 and continue to Form 8962, line 10. If you are required to use lines 12 through 23 of Form 8962, enter the amounts from lines 1 through 12 of Worksheet 2 in the Form 8962 instructions on the lines for the corresponding months and columns on Form 8962.
- If you completed Part 4 of Form 8962, check the "No" box on line 10. Enter the amounts from lines 1 through 12 of Worksheet 2 in the Form 8962 instructions on the lines for the corresponding months and columns on Form 8962, lines 12 through 23.

Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction and PTC

This part provides special instructions for figuring the self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC if you or your spouse was self-employed, you or a member of your tax family was enrolled in a qualified health plan in 2014, and you are eligible for the PTC. Because the amount of the self-employed health insurance deduction is based on the amount of the PTC and the amount of the PTC is based on the amount of the deduction, a taxpayer who may be eligible for both may have difficulty determining the amounts of those items. A taxpayer who may be eligible for both may follow the instructions in this part to determine amounts of the self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC that follow the law.



Using the instructions in this part is optional. If you are eligible for both a self-employed health CAUTION insurance deduction and PTC for the same pre-

miums, you may use any computation method that satisfies each set of rules as long as the sum of the deduction claimed for the premiums and the PTC computed, taking the deduction into account, is less than or equal to the premiums.

Before you complete any of the worksheets in this part, you should first do the following.

- Read the instructions for line 29 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR to find out if you meet the requirements for claiming the self-employed health insurance deduc-
- Read the Instructions for Form 8962 to find out if you meet the requirements for claiming the PTC except for the requirement that your household income be at

least 100% but not more than 400% of the Federal poverty line for your family size for 2014. You will determine whether you meet the 100% – 400% requirement in the process of completing these instructions.

If you meet the requirements described above, do the following.

- If you are filing Form 1040, complete lines 30, 31a, and 35. Also, figure any write-in adjustments you will enter on the dotted line next to line 36.
- If you are filing Form 1040NR, complete lines 30, 31, and 34. Also, figure any write-in adjustments you will enter on the dotted line next to line 35.
- If you elect to report your child's interest and dividends on your tax return, complete Form 8814.
 Using this information, do the following.
- If you have health insurance premiums for which you cannot claim the PTC (see <u>Nonspecified premiums</u>, later), first complete <u>Worksheet P</u>, or if required, Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535 but only with respect to those premiums. Skip Worksheets W and X if either of the following applies.

- a. You completed Worksheet P and line 3 is less than line 1.
- b. You completed Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535 and line 13 is equal to or less than line 3.
- 2. Then complete Worksheet W and Worksheet X. Note that you only have to complete Worksheet W if advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) were made to your insurer on your behalf for the months you were self-employed. If APTC was not paid to your insurer on your behalf for the months you were self-employed, skip Worksheet W.
- 3. After completing Worksheets W and X, you may choose to use either the Simplified Calculation Method or the Iterative Calculation Method to compute your self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC. The Simplified Calculation Method is shorter, but in some cases will not produce a result as favorable as the Iterative Calculation Method.

Worksheet P. Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction for Nonspecified Premiums

Be	fore you begin: \(\sqrt{\text{Read } \frac{\text{Exceptions}}{\text{premiums}}} \), later, to see if you can use this worksheet instead of Publica deduction for nonspecified premiums. Also read the definitions of specified premiums . Also read the definitions of specified premiums . Jater.	tion 535 ums and	to figure your nonspecified
1.	Enter the total amount of nonspecified premiums paid in 2014 for health insurance coverage established under your business (or the S corporation in which you were a more-than-2% shareholder) for 2014 for you, your spouse, and your dependents. Your insurance can also cover your child who was under age 27 at the end of 2014, even if the child was not your dependent. But do not include amounts for any month you were eligible to participate in an employer-sponsored health plan or amounts paid from retirement plan distributions that were nontaxable because you are a retired public safety officer	1	
2.	Enter your net profit* and any other earned income** from the business under which the insurance plan is established, minus any deductions on lines 27 and 28 of Form 1040 or 1040NR. Do not include Conservation Reserve Program payments exempt from self-employment tax	2.	
3.	 Self-employed health insurance deduction for nonspecified premiums. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2. Do not include this amount in figuring any medical expense deduction on Schedule A (Form 1040)	3	

*If you used either optional method to figure your net earnings from self-employment, do not enter your net profit. Instead, enter the amount from Schedule SE, Section B, line 4b.

^{**} **Earned income** includes net earnings and gains from the sale, transfer, or licensing of property you created. However, it does not include capital gain income. If you were a more-than-2% shareholder in the S corporation under which the insurance plan is established, earned income is your Medicare wages (box 5 of Form W-2) from that corporation.

Instructions for Worksheet P

Use Worksheet P, earlier, to figure the amount you can deduct for nonspecified premiums.

Exceptions. Use Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535 instead of Worksheet P to figure your deduction for nonspecified premiums if any of the following applies. (Only include nonspecified premiums on line 1 or 2 of Worksheet 6-A.)

- You had more than one source of income subject to self-employment tax.
- You file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ.
- You are using amounts paid for qualified long-term care insurance to figure the deduction.

After you complete Worksheet 6-A, follow the instructions below.

- If line 13 is equal to or less than line 3, stop here. Do not read the rest of these special instructions. Enter the amount from line 14 of Worksheet 6-A on line 29 of Form 1040 or 1040NR. Use Form 8962 to figure the premium tax credit for specified premiums.
- If line 13 is more than line 3, complete <u>Worksheet W</u> if APTC was paid to your insurer on your behalf for the months you were self-employed. If APTC was not paid to your insurer on your behalf for the months you were self-employed, skip Worksheet W and go to <u>Work-sheet X</u>.

Nonspecified premiums. A nonspecified premium is either of the following.

- A premium for health insurance coverage established under your business (or the S corporation in which you were a more-than-2%-shareholder) but paid for coverage in a plan that is not a qualified health plan.
- The portion of the premium for coverage in a plan that is a qualified health plan established under your business (or the S corporation in which you were a more-than-2%-shareholder) but that is attributable to individuals not in your coverage family.

Calculate how much of these nonspecified premiums are fully deductible by entering this amount on line 1 of Worksheet P, or if required, on line 1 or 2 of Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535. Complete the remainder of the appropriate worksheet.

The following are examples of nonspecified premiums.

- Premiums paid for a qualified health plan other than during a coverage month.
- Premiums paid to cover an individual other than you, your spouse, or your dependents.
- Premiums for qualified long-term care insurance.
- Dental insurance premiums.
- Medicare premiums you voluntarily paid to obtain insurance in your name that is similar to qualifying health insurance.

Example. In 2014, you were self-employed and were enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Market-place. You enrolled your dependent, 22-year old daughter in individual market coverage not offered through the Marketplace. This coverage has an annual premium of \$3,000. This \$3,000 premium is a nonspecified premium because it is for coverage under a plan that is not a qualified health plan. Include this \$3,000 premium on Worksheet P, line 1, or if required, on line 1 of the Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535.

Specified premiums. Specified premiums are the premiums for a specified qualified health plan or plans for which you may otherwise claim as a self-employed health insurance deduction on line 29 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR. Generally, these are the premiums paid for the months you were self-employed. If you were self-employed for part of a month, the entire premium for that month is a specified premium. A specified qualified health plan is a qualified health plan that covers one or more members of your coverage family for a month for which your enrollment premium(s) have been paid by the due date of your tax return (not including extensions). Qualified health plan, coverage family, and enrollment premiums are defined in the Form 8962 instructions.

If the plan covers individuals who are not in your coverage family, use only the portion of the premiums for the specified qualified health plan that is allocable to your coverage family. You determine the specified premiums that are allocable to your coverage family by multiplying the enrollment premiums for the months you were self-employed and the plan covered non-coverage family members by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the premium for the applicable second lowest cost silver plan (SLCSP) for your coverage family. The denominator of the fraction is the total of (1) the premium for the applicable SLCSP for your coverage family and (2) the premium for the applicable SLCSP for the individuals who are not in your coverage family. See *Example 2* below.

Example 1. You were enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace for all of 2014 and you were self-employed from September 15 through December 31. Only the premiums for the last 4 months are specified premiums and only those premiums are entered on Worksheet W, line 5, and Worksheet X, line 1, if you are required to complete those worksheets. You are not allowed a self-employed health insurance deduction for the January – August premiums because you were not self-employed during those months. Those premiums are neither specified premiums nor nonspecified premiums. However, you may be allowed a PTC for your coverage for January – August.

Example 2. Gary was self-employed in 2014 and enrolled in a qualified health plan. APTC was paid to his insurer on his behalf. The policy covers Gary, Gary's two dependent daughters, and Gary's 25-year old nondependent son Jim. The enrollment premium is \$15,000. The premium for the applicable SLCSP covering Gary and his two daughters is \$12,000 and the premium for the applicable SLCSP covering Jim is \$6,000. Gary figures the

amount of specified premiums by multiplying the \$15,000 enrollment premium by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the premium for his applicable SLCSP (\$12,000). The denominator of the fraction is the total of the premiums for the applicable SLCSP of both Gary and Jim (\$18,000). The result is \$10,000 (\$15,000 enrollment premium x (\$12,000/\$18,000)) of specified premiums,

which Gary enters on <u>Worksheet W</u>, line 5, and <u>Worksheet X</u>, line 1. The remaining \$5,000 of enrollment premium (\$15,000 enrollment premium - \$10,000 specified premiums) is attributable to Jim's coverage and is a nonspecified premium that Gary enters on <u>Worksheet P</u>, line 1.

Worksheet W. Figuring Household Income and the Limitation on Additional Tax

Part	I: Taxpayer's Modified AGI		
1.	Combine the amounts from: • Form 1040, lines 8b, 22, and the excess, if any, of line 20a over line 20b.		
	Form 1040NR, lines 9b and 23	1.	
	Note. See instructions if you are filing Form 8582, 8814, or 8815.		
2.	Enter any amounts from Form 2555, lines 45 and 50, and Form 2555-EZ, line 18	2	
3.	Add lines 1 and 2	3	
4a.	 Enter the total of the amounts from: Form 1040, lines 23 through 28, 30, 31a, and 35, plus any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 36. Form 1040NR, lines 24 through 28, 30, 31, and 34, plus any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 35 	4a.	
4b.	Enter your self-employed health insurance deduction for nonspecified premiums from Worksheet P, line 3, or Worksheet 6-A, line 14, in chapter 6 of Publication 535	4b.	
5.	Enter specified premiums (see <u>Specified premiums</u> under <u>Instructions for Worksheet P</u> , earlier)	5	_
6.	Enter APTC attributable to the premiums on line 5 (see instructions)	6	
7.	Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	
8.	Add lines 4a, 4b, and 7	8	
9.	Subtract line 8 from line 3. Then go to Part II if you are claiming dependents on your tax return. If you are not claiming any dependents on your tax return, skip Part II and go to Part III	9.	
Note the	e. Use Part II to figure the combined modified AGI for the dependents you claimed as exemptions of modified AGI of those dependents who are required to file a return. Do not include the modified AGI at ax return only to claim a refund of tax withheld or estimated tax.		
	Enter the combined AGI for your dependents from Form 1040, line 38; Form 1040A, line 22; Form 1040EZ, line 4; and Form 1040NR, line 37	10	
	Enter any tax-exempt interest for your dependents from Form 1040, line 8b; Form 1040A, line 8b; Form 1040EZ, the amount written to the left of the line 2 entry space; and Form 1040NR, line 9b	11	
12.	Enter any amounts for your dependents from Form 2555, lines 45 and 50, and Form 2555-EZ, line 18	12.	
13.	Enter for each of your dependents the excess, if any, of Form 1040, line 20a over line 20b; and	14.	
	Form 1040A, line 14a over line 14b		
14.	Add lines 10 through 13. Then go to Part III	14	
		Continue	ed on next page.

Worksheet W. Figuring Household Income and the Limitation on Additional Tax (continued)

Part	III: Limitation on Additional Tax		
15.	Household income. Add lines 9 and 14	15.	
16.	Enter \$600 (\$300 if your filing status is single)		
17.	Subtract line 16 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0	17.	
	Enter the number of exemptions from Form 1040, line 6d, or Form 1040NR, line 7d		
	Enter the Federal poverty amount as determined by the family size on line 18a and Federal poverty Table 1-1, 1-2, or 1-3 for your state of residence during 2014 in the Form 8962 instructions	18b.	
19.	154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	19.	
	 If the result is less than 200, enter the amount from line 16 on line 26. Skip lines 20–25. If the result is 200 or more, go to line 20. 		
20.	Enter \$1,500 (\$750 if your filing status is single)	20.	
21.	Subtract line 20 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0-		
22.	Divide line 21 by line 18b. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for		
	lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	22.	
	 If the result is less than 300, enter the amount from line 20 on line 26. Skip lines 23–25. 		
	 If the result is 300 or more, go to line 23. 		
23.	Enter \$2,500 (\$1,250 if your filing status is single)	23.	
24.	Subtract line 23 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0	24.	
25.	Divide line 24 by line 18b. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for		
	lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	25.	
	 If the result is less than 400, enter the amount from line 23 on line 26. 		
	 If the result is 400, enter the amount from line 6 on line 26. 		
	 If the result is more than 400, stop here. You cannot take the PTC. Figure your self-employed health insurance deduction using the Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction Worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040NR instructions or, if required, Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535. Include on line 1 of those worksheets the amount from line 5 of this worksheet. 		
	CAUTION: You may have to file Form 8962 even if you cannot take the PTC. For details, see <i>Who Must File</i> in the Instructions for Form 8962.		
26.	Enter the amount you were instructed to enter here by line 19, 22, or 25		
27.	Add lines 7 and 26. Then go to Worksheet X	27.	

Instructions for Worksheet W

Line 1. If you are filing Form 8582, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, and both lines 1d and 4 of that form are losses:

- Do not complete Parts II, III, or IV of that form until you are instructed to do so later, and
- Do not include any losses from rental real estate activities on line 1.

If you are filing Form 8814, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends, and the amount on Form 8814, line 4, is more than \$1,000, you must also include the following amounts on line 1.

- The tax-exempt interest from Form 8814, line 1b.
- The lesser of Form 8814, line 4 or line 5.
- Any nontaxable social security benefits your child received.

If you are filing Form 8815, Exclusion of Interest From Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989, do **not** complete the form until you are instructed to do so

later. Include on line 1 the amount from Schedule B (Form 1040A or 1040), line 2.

Line 6. Enter on this line the APTC from Form 1095-A, Part III, column C, that is attributable to specified premiums on line 5.

Lines 19, 22, and 25. If the result is between 1.00 and 3.99, round up or down to the nearest whole percentage. For example, for 1.854, enter the result as 185; for 3.565, enter the result as 357.

If the result is less than 1.00 or more than 3.99, round the result as follows.

- For any amount less than 1.00, round down to the nearest whole percentage. For example, for .996, enter the result as 99.
- For any amount between 3.99 and 4.00, round down to 399. For example, for 3.998, enter the result as 399.
- For any amount more than 4.00 but less than 9.99, round up to the nearest whole percentage. For example, for 4.004, enter the result as 401.
- For an amount more than 9.99, enter the result as 999. For example, for 10.456, enter the result as 999.

Worksheet X. Figuring the Limit Under Section 5.03 of Revenue Procedure 2014-41

Note. Use a separate worksheet for each trade or business under which an insurance plan is established.

1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 27. If you did not complete Worksheet W, enter your specified premiums. See <u>Specified premiums</u> under <u>Instructions for Worksheet P</u> , earlier	1.		
2.	Enter your net profit* and any other earned income** from the business under which the qualified health plan is established. Do not include Conservation Reserve Program payments exempt from self-employment tax. If the business is an S corporation, skip to line 9			
3.	Enter the total of all net profits* from: Schedule C (Form 1040), line 31; Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040), line 3; Schedule F (Form 1040), line 34; or Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A; plus any other income allocable to the profitable businesses. Do not include Conservation Reserve Program payments exempt from self-employment tax. See the Instructions for Schedule SE (Form 1040). Do not include any net losses shown on these schedules	3.		
4.	Divide line 2 by line 3	4.		
5.	Multiply line 27 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR by line 4	5.		
6.	Subtract line 5 from line 2	6.		
7.	Enter the amount, if any, from line 28 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR, attributable to the same business for which the qualified health plan is established	7.		
8.	Subtract line 7 from line 6	8.		
9.	Enter your Medicare wages (Form W-2, box 5) from an S corporation in which you are a more-than-2% shareholder and in which the qualified health plan is established	9.		
10.	Enter any amount from Form 2555, line 45, attributable to the amount entered on line 2 or line 9 above, or any amount from Form 2555-EZ, line 18, attributable to the amount entered on line 9 above	10.		
	Note. In you are not filing Form 2555 or 2555-EZ, enter -0			
11.	Subtract line 10 from line 8 or 9, whichever applies	11.		
	Enter your self-employed health insurance deduction for nonspecified premiums from Worksheet P, line 3, or Worksheet 6-A, line 14, in chapter 6 of Publication 535			
13.	Subtract line 12 from line 11	13.		
	Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 13	14.		
15.	Add lines 12 and 14. Then use one of the methods that follow to figure the PTC and the self-employed health insurance deduction for specified premiums	15.		
	*If you used either optional method to figure your net earnings from self-employment from any business, do not enter your net profit from the business. Instead, enter the amount attributable to that business from Schedule SE, Section B, line 4b.			

Iterative Calculation Method

Follow the steps below to figure your self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC under the Iterative Calculation Method. You do not have to use this method. You can use the Simplified Calculation Method (discussed later) or any computation method that satisfies each set of rules as long as the sum of the deduction claimed for the premiums and the PTC computed, taking the deduction into account, is less than or equal to the premiums.



Do not round to whole dollars when performing the computations under this method. Instead, use CAUTION dollars and cents. This is necessary so you can complete Step 6.

Step 1. Figure your adjusted gross income (AGI), modified AGI, and household income using Worksheet X, line 15, as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Use Worksheets 1-1 and 1-2 in the Form 8962 in-

structions to figure modified AGI and household income.



If you are claiming any of the following deductions or exclusions, see Special Instructions for CAUTION Self-Employed Individuals Who Claim Certain

Deductions/Exclusions (discussed later) before you complete Step 1.

- IRA deduction.
- Student loan interest deduction.
- Tuition and fees deduction.
- Exclusion of interest from series EE and I U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989.
- Passive activity losses from rental real estate activities and both lines 1d and 4 of Form 8582 are losses.

Step 2. Figure the total PTC on Form 8962 using the AGI, modified AGI, and household income you determined in Step 1. Enter the modified AGI and household income from Step 1 on the Form 8962. When figuring the PTC, use all enrollment premiums for qualified health plans in which you or an individual in your tax family enrolled. Complete this Form 8962 only through line 24. Do not attach this Form 8962 to your tax return.

Note. If you are not eligible to take the PTC, stop here. Do not use this method. Instead, figure your self-employed health insurance deduction using the Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction Worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040NR instructions or, if required, Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535.

^{**}Earned income includes net earnings and gains from the sale, transfer, or licensing of property you created. However, it does not include capital gain income.

Step 3. Figure your self-employed health insurance deduction for specified premiums by completing the following worksheet.

	Step 3 Worksheet ote. Enter amounts in dollars and cents. Do not llars.	t round to whole
1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 5. If you did not complete Worksheet W, enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 1	1
	the months you paid specified premiums. Enter the total PTC (Form 8962, line 24) you figured in Step 2, earlier	2
Э.	which specified premiums were paid Note. Self-employment for part of a month counts as a full month of self-employment.	3
4.	Enter the number of months someone in your coverage family was enrolled in the qualified health plan	4
5.	Divide line 3 by line 4	5
6.	Multiply line 5 by line 2	6
	Subtract line 6 from line 1	7
8.	Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 14	0
9.	Enter the smaller of line 7 or line 8. Then go to Step 4 next.	

Step 4. Refigure the total PTC on another Form 8962. Complete this Form 8962 through line 29. When refiguring the total PTC, use all enrollment premiums for qualified health plans in which you or any individual in your tax family enrolled. Determine AGI, modified AGI, and household income using the total of the Step 3 Worksheet, line 9, and Worksheet X, line 12, as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Use Worksheets 1-1 and 1-2 in the Form 8962 instructions to figure modified AGI and household income.

Step 5. Refigure your self-employed health insurance deduction for specified premiums by completing the following worksheet.

Step 5 Worksheet Note. Enter amounts in dollars and cents. Do not dollars.	t round to whole
1. Enter the amount from line 1 of the Step 3 Worksheet Caution: If you skipped lines 2–5 of the Step 3 Worksheet, skip lines 2 and 3 below and enter on line 4 the total of the column E amounts from your Step 4 Form 8962 for the months you paid specified premiums. 2. Enter the total PTC (Form 8962, line 24) you figured in Step 4, earlier 3. Enter the amount from line 5 of the Step 3 Worksheet	2
 4. Multiply line 3 by line 2 5. Subtract line 4 from line 1 6. Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 14 7. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 6. Then go to Step 6 next 	5 6

Step 6. Answer the following 3 questions.

1.	Is the change in the self-employed health insurance
	deduction from <u>Step 3</u> to <u>Step 5</u> less than \$1.00?
	☐ Yes ☐ No

2.	Is the change in the total PTC from Step 2 to Step 4
	less than \$1.00?
	□ Yes □ No

3. Did you answer "Yes" to **both** questions 1 and 2? ☐ **Yes**. You can claim a PTC for the amount you figured in Step 4. Attach the Form 8962 you used in Step 4 to your tax return. You can claim a self-employed health insurance deduction for the specified premiums equal to the amount on line 7 of the Step 5 Worksheet.

Note. Your self-employed health insurance deduction is the total of the Step 5 Worksheet, line 7, and Worksheet X, line 12. Enter this total on line 29 of Form 1040 or 1040NR.

□ **No**. Repeat <u>Step 4</u> and <u>Step 5</u> (using amounts determined in the immediately preceding step) until changes in **both** the self-employed health insurance deduction and the total PTC between steps are less than \$1.00.



If you are unable to complete Step 6 because changes between steps are always \$1.00 or CAUTION more, do not use the Iterative Calculation

Method. Instead, use the Simplified Calculation Method or any computation method that satisfies the rules for the self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC as long as the sum of the deduction claimed for the premiums and the PTC computed, taking the deduction into account, is less than or equal to the premiums.

Simplified Calculation Method

Follow the steps below to figure your self-employed health insurance deduction and PTC under the Simplified Calculation Method. You do not have to use this method. You can use the Iterative Calculation Method (discussed earlier) if you can complete Step 6 of that method or you can use any computation method that satisfies each set of rules as long as the sum of the deduction claimed for the premiums and the PTC computed, taking the deduction into account, is less than or equal to the premiums.

Step 1. Figure your adjusted gross income (AGI), modified AGI, and household income using the total of Worksheet X, line 15, as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Use Worksheets 1-1 and 1-2 in the Form 8962 instructions to figure modified AGI and household income.



If you are claiming any of the following deductions or exclusions, see Special Instructions for CAUTION Self-Employed Individuals Who Claim Certain Deductions/Exclusions (discussed later) before you complete Step 1.

- IRA deduction.
- Student loan interest deduction.
- Tuition and fees deduction.
- Exclusion of interest from series EE and I U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989.
- Passive activity losses from rental real estate activities and both lines 1d and 4 of Form 8582 are losses.

Step 2. Figure the total PTC on Form 8962 using the AGI, modified AGI, and household income you determined in Step 1. Enter the modified AGI and household income from Step 1 on the Form 8962. When figuring the PTC, use all enrollment premiums for qualified health plans in which you or any individual in your tax family enrolled. Complete this Form 8962 only through line 24. Do not attach this Form 8962 to your tax return.

Note. If you are not eligible to take the PTC, stop here. Do not use this method. Instead, figure your self-employed health insurance deduction using the Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction Worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040NR instructions or, if reguired, Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535.

Step 3. Figure your self-employed health insurance deduction by completing the following worksheet.

	Step 3 Worksheet	
1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 5. If you did not complete Worksheet W, enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 1	1
	Caution: If the amounts on lines 12–23, column E, of your Step 2 Form 8962 are not the same for each month and you had specified premiums for fewer than 12 months, skip lines 2–5 below and enter on line 6 the total of those column E amounts for the months you paid specified premiums.	
2.	Enter the total PTC (Form 8962, line 24) you figured in <u>Step 2</u> , earlier	2
3.	Enter the number of months in 2014 for which specified premiums were paid	3.
	Note. Self-employment for part of a month counts as a full month of self-employment.	
4.	Enter the number of months someone in your coverage family was enrolled in the qualified health plan	4
5.	Divide line 3 by line 4	5
6.	Multiply line 5 by line 2	6
7. 8.	Subtract line 6 from line 1	
	<u>X</u> , line 14	
9. 10.	Enter the smaller of line 7 or line 8 Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 12	
11.	Add lines 9 and 10. Use this amount as your self-employed health insurance deduction in Step 4 next. Also enter this amount on line 29 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR	

Step 4. Refigure the final PTC on another Form 8962. Complete this Form 8962 through line 29. Attach this Form 8962 to your tax return. When refiguring the PTC, use all enrollment premiums for qualified health plans in which you or any individual in your tax family enrolled. Determine AGI, modified AGI, and household income using the amount from line 11 of the Step 3 Worksheet as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Use Worksheets 1-1 and 1-2 in the Form 8962 instructions to figure modified AGI and household income.

Special Instructions for Self-Employed Individuals Who Claim Certain Deductions/Exclusions

The instructions in this section apply to you if you claim any of the following deductions or exclusions.

- 1. IRA deduction.
- 2. Student loan interest deduction.
- 3. Tuition and fees deduction.
- 4. Exclusion of interest from series EE and I U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989.
- 5. Passive activity losses from rental real estate activities and lines 1d and 4 of Form 8582 are losses.

Read the following instructions if you are claiming one or more of the deductions/exclusions listed above. Read these instructions **before** you complete the <u>lterative Calculation Method</u> or Simplified Calculation Method.

- The first time you complete the Iterative Calculation Method or Simplified Calculation Method, you do so without including any of the deductions/exclusions listed above in AGI, modified AGI, or household income. If you use the Simplified Calculation Method, complete it only through <u>Step 3</u>.
- After you complete (1), figure the deduction/exclusion using the appropriate form or worksheet in your tax return instructions. When figuring modified AGI on the form or worksheet, use as your self-employed health insurance deduction the amount from <u>Step 6</u> of the Iterative Calculation Method or <u>Step 3</u> of the Simplified Calculation Method.

If you are claiming more than 1 deduction/exclusion on the list, you **must** figure the deductions/exclusions in the order shown in the list. For example, if you are claiming the student loan interest deduction and the

- exclusion of interest from series EE and I U.S. savings bonds, you must figure the student loan interest deduction first and complete (3) and (4) or (5) using that deduction. Then you figure the exclusion of interest from series EE and I U.S. savings bonds, as explained in (5) or at the end of Worksheets Y and Z.
- 3. Enter the deduction/exclusion you figured in (2) on your tax return.
- If you completed <u>Worksheet W</u>, complete <u>Worksheet Y</u> and follow the instructions under line 18 of that Worksheet. Skip (5).
- 5. If you did not complete Worksheet W, do the following.
 - Repeat the <u>Iterative Calculation Method</u> or <u>Simplified Calculation Method</u>. Use the amount from (2) in any step that requires you to figure AGI, modified AGI, and household income.
 - b. If the amount from (2) is the only deduction/exclusion on the list you are claiming, complete either method through the last step and follow the step instructions for claiming the PTC and self-employed health insurance deduction on your return. Skip (c).
 - c. If the amount from (2) is **not** the only deduction/ exclusion on the list you are claiming, complete the <u>Iterative Calculation Method</u> through Step 6 or the <u>Simplified Calculation Method</u> through Step 3. Then figure the additional deduction/exclusion using the appropriate form or worksheet in your tax return instructions. When figuring modified AGI on the form or worksheet, use as your self-employed health insurance deduction the amount from <u>Step 6</u> of the Iterative Calculation Method or <u>Step 3</u> of the Simplified Calculation Method. Then repeat (3) and (5) for each additional deduction/exclusion. Follow (5b) for your final deduction/exclusion.

Worksheet Y. Refiguring Household Income, the Limitation on Additional Tax, and the Limit Under Section 5.03 of Revenue Procedure 2014-41

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 15 Enter the deduction or exclusion Revised household income. Subtract line 2 from line 1 Enter \$600 (\$300 if your filing status is single) Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	 3. 4. 5. 	
6. 7.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 18b Divide line 5 by line 6. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See Lines 19, 22, and 25 under Instructions for Worksheet W, earlier, for special rules If the result is less than 200, enter the amount from line 4 on line 11. Skip lines 8–10. If the result is 200 or more, go to line 8.		
8. 9. 10.	Enter \$1,500 (\$750 if your filing status is single) Subtract line 8 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- Divide line 9 by line 6. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See <i>Lines 19, 22, and 25</i> under <i>Instructions for Worksheet W</i> , earlier, for special rules If the result is less than 300, enter the amount from line 8 on line 11. If the result is 300 or more, enter \$2,500 (\$1,250 if your filing status is single) on line 11.	9.	
12. 13.	Enter the amount you were instructed to enter here by line 7 or line 10	12.	
16. 17.	Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 12 Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 13 Enter the smaller of line 13 or line 16 Add lines 15 and 17. Then see Next below for further instructions	16. 17.	

Next. Repeat the <u>Iterative Calculation Method</u> or <u>Simplified Calculation Method</u>, whichever applies. In Step 1 of either method, use the amount on line 18 above as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Also use the amount on line 2 above in any step that requires you to figure AGI, modified AGI, and household income. If the amount on line 2 above is the only deduction/exclusion

that requires you to figure AGI, modified AGI, and household income. If the amount on line 2 above is the only deduction/exclusion on the list that you are claiming, complete either method through the last step. If you are claiming another deduction/exclusion on the list, do the following.

• When you repeat either method as explained above, complete the Iterative Calculation Method through Step 6 or complete the Simplified Calculation Method through Step 6 or complete the Simplified Calculation Method through Step 6 or complete the Simplified Calculation Method to sigure deduction you figured in either Step 6 of the Iterative Calculation Method or Step 3 of the Simplified Calculation Method to figure modified AGI for the other deduction/exclusion.

• Then complete Worksheet Z, later, for the other deduction/exclusion.

Worksheet Z. Refiguring Household Income, the Limitation on Additional Tax, and the Limit Under Section 5.03 of Revenue Procedure 2014-41

Note. Complete Worksheet Y before you complete Worksheet Z.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Enter the amount from Worksheet Y, line 3 Enter the deduction or exclusion Revised household income. Subtract line 2 from line 1 Enter \$600 (\$300 if your filing status is single) Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 18b Divide line 5 by line 6. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if	 3. 4. 5. 	
	the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See <u>Lines 19, 22, and 25</u> under <u>Instructions for Worksheet W</u> , earlier, for special rules	7.	
8. 9. 10.	Enter \$1,500 (\$750 if your filing status is single) Subtract line 8 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- Divide line 9 by line 6. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See <i>Lines 19, 22, and 25</i> under <i>Instructions for Worksheet W</i> , earlier, for special rules If the result is less than 300, enter the amount from line 8 on line 11. If the result is 300 or more, enter \$2,500 (\$1,250 if your filing status is single) on line 11.	9.	
12. 13.	Enter the amount you were instructed to enter here by line 7 or line 10	12.	
16. 17.	Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 12 Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 13 Enter the smaller of line 13 or line 16 Add lines 15 and 17. Then see Next below for further instructions	16. 17.	

Next. Repeat the <u>Iterative Calculation Method</u> or <u>Simplified Calculation Method</u>, whichever applies. In Step 1 of either method, use the amount on line 18 above as your self-employed health insurance deduction. Also use the amounts on line 2 of Worksheets Y and Z in any step that requires you to figure AGI, modified AGI, and household income. If you are not claiming any more deductions/exclusions on the list, complete either method through the last step and follow the step instructions for claiming the PTC and self-employed health insurance deduction on your tax return. If you are claiming another deduction/exclusion on the list, do the following.

When you repeat either method as explained above, complete the Iterative Calculation Method through Step 6 or complete the

Simplified Calculation Method through Step 3. Figure the other deduction/exclusion using the appropriate form or the worksheet provided in your tax return instructions. Use the self-employed health insurance deduction you figured in either Step 6 of the Iterative Calculation Method or Step 3 of the Simplified Calculation Method to figure modified AGI for the other deduction/exclusion.

Then complete another Worksheet Z for the other deduction/exclusion.

Illustrated Example of the Simplified Calculation Method

The following example illustrates the <u>Simplified Calculation Method</u>.

In 2014, Carla Birch, her husband Jim, and their 2 dependent children enrolled in the applicable SLCSP through the Marketplace. The annual premium was \$12,000, and \$4,200 in APTC was paid for Carla, her husband and 2 dependent children. All of the premiums are specified premiums. Carla operated a business as a sole proprietorship during the entire year. Carla and Jim are filing a joint Form 1040 (not illustrated). The income and deductions on page 1 of their Form 1040 (excluding line 29) consist of the following.

Jim's salary (Form 1040, line 7)	\$56,625
Taxable interest (Form 1040, line 8a)	419
Carla's net profit from her business on	
Schedule C (Form 1040, line 12)	30,000
Total income (Form 1040, line 22)	87,044
Deductible part of Carla's self-employment	
tax (Form 1040, line 27)	2,119
Carla's qualified retirement plan deduction	
(Form 1040, line 28)	2,500

Carla's Worksheet W

Because Carla had APTC during the months of self-employment, she begins by completing Worksheet W, Parts I and III, as shown later. She skips Part II because neither one of her children is required to file a Federal income tax return for 2014.

Line 1. Carla enters \$87,044, which is the total income shown on line 22 of her Form 1040. Total income is the sum of Jim's salary, taxable interest, and Carla's net profit.

Line 4a. Carla enters \$4,619. This is the total of the deductible part of her self-employment tax and her qualified retirement plan deduction.

Line 18b. Carla enters \$23,550. This is the Federal poverty line shown in Table 1-1 in the Form 8962 instructions for a family size of 4.

Carla's Worksheet X

After completing Worksheet W, Carla completes Worksheet X to determine how much of the \$10,300 on Worksheet W, line 27, can be used in figuring the first iteration of the PTC under the Simplified Calculation Method. She can use the full \$10,300 as shown on Worksheet X, line 14.

Carla's Worksheet W. Figuring Household Income and the Limitation on Additional Tax

Part	I: Taxpayer's Modified AGI		
1.	Combine the amounts from:		
	• Form 1040, lines 8b, 22, and the excess, if any, of line 20a over line 20b.		
	• Form 1040NR, lines 9b and 23	1	87,044
	Note. See instructions if you are filing Form 8582, 8814, or 8815.		
2.	Enter any amounts from Form 2555, lines 45 and 50, and Form 2555-EZ, line 18 \ldots		
3.	Add lines 1 and 2	3	87,044
4a.	Enter the total of the amounts from: • Form 1040, lines 23 through 28, 30, 31a, and 35, plus any write-in adjustments you entered		
	on the dotted line next to line 36.		
	• Form 1040NR, lines 24 through 28, 30, 31, and 34, plus any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 35	4a.	4,619
4b.	Enter your self-employed health insurance deduction for nonspecified premiums from		
5.	Worksheet P, line 3, or Worksheet 6-A, line 14, in chapter 6 of Publication 535	4b	
٥.	earlier) to specified premiums (see <u>Specified premiums</u> under instructions for worksheet F,	5	12,000
6.	Enter APTC attributable to the premiums on line 5 (see instructions)	6	4,200
7.	Subtract line 6 from line 5	7.	7,800
8.	Add lines 4a, 4b, and 7	8	12,419
9.	Subtract line 8 from line 3. Then go to Part II if you are claiming dependents on your tax return. If	0	74,625
	you are not claiming any dependents on your tax return, skip Part II and go to Part III	9.	74,023
Part	II: Dependents' Modified AGI		
Note	Lines 10–14 of this part are omitted because Carla's dependent children are not required to file F	ederal tax returns.	
	III: Limitation on Additional Tax		
15.	Household income. Add lines 9 and 14	15	74,625
16.	Enter \$600 (\$300 if your filing status is single)	16	600
17.	Subtract line 16 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0	17	74,025
18a.	Enter the number of exemptions from Form 1040, line 6d, or Form 1040NR, line 7d	1	
18b.	Enter the Federal poverty amount as determined by the family size on line 18a and Federal		
	noverty Table 1-1 1-2 or 1-3 for your state of residence during 2014 in the Form 8962	4.01	23,550
19.	instructions	18b	23,330
19.	154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for		014
	lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	19	314
	 If the result is less than 200, enter the amount from line 16 on line 26. Skip lines 20–25. If the result is 200 or more, go to line 20. 		
			1 500
	Enter \$1,500 (\$750 if your filing status is single)		1,500 73,125
21. 22.	Subtract line 20 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0	21	73,123
22.	Divide line 21 by line 18b. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for		0.4.4
	lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	22	311
	• If the result is less than 300, enter the amount from line 20 on line 26. Skip lines 23–25.		
	 If the result is 300 or more, go to line 23. 		0 = 00
23.	Enter \$2,500 (\$1,250 if your filing status is single)		2,500
24.	Subtract line 23 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0	24	72,125
25.	Divide line 24 by line 18b. Enter the result rounded to a whole percentage. For example, enter 154 if the percentage is 1.542 and enter 155 if the percentage is 1.549. See the instructions for		
	lines 19, 22, and 25 for special rules	25	306
	• If the result is less than 400, enter the amount from line 23 on line 26.		
	• If the result is 400, enter the amount from line 6 on line 26.		
	 If the result is more than 400, stop here. You cannot take the PTC. Figure your self-employed health insurance deduction using the Self-Employed Health Insurance 		
	Deduction Worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040NR instructions or, if required, Worksheet 6-A in chapter 6 of Publication 535. Include on line 1 of those worksheets the		
	amount from line 5 of this worksheet.		
	CAUTION: You may have to file Form 8962 even if you cannot take the PTC. For details		
	CAUTION: You may have to file Form 8962 even if you cannot take the PTC. For details, see <i>Who Must File</i> in the Instructions for Form 8962.		
26.	CAUTION: You may have to file Form 8962 even if you cannot take the PTC. For details, see <i>Who Must File</i> in the Instructions for Form 8962. Enter the amount you were instructed to enter here by line 19, 22, or 25	26	2,500 10,300

Carla's Worksheet X. Figuring the Limit Under Section 5.03 of Revenue Procedure 2014-41

Note. Use a separate worksheet for each trade or business under which an insurance plan is established.

1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 27. If you did not complete Worksheet W, enter your specified premiums. See <u>Specified premiums</u> under <u>Instructions for Worksheet P</u> , earlier	1.	10,300
2.	Enter your net profit* and any other earned income** from the business under which the qualified health plan is established. Do not include Conservation Reserve Program payments exempt from self-employment tax. If the business is an S corporation, skip to line 9	2.	30,000
3.	Enter the total of all net profits* from: Schedule C (Form 1040), line 31; Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040), line 3; Schedule F (Form 1040), line 34; or Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A; plus any other income allocable to the profitable businesses. Do not include Conservation Reserve Program payments exempt from self-employment tax. See the Instructions for		30,000
	Schedule SE (Form 1040). Do not include any net losses shown on these schedules	3.	
4.	Divide line 2 by line 3	4.	1.0
5.	Multiply line 27 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR by line 4	5.	2,119
6.	Subtract line 5 from line 2		
7.	Enter the amount, if any, from line 28 of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR, attributable to the same	0.	
/.	business for which the qualified health plan is established	7.	
8.	Subtract line 7 from line 6	8.	25,381
9.	Enter your Medicare wages (Form W-2, box 5) from an S corporation in which you are a more-than-2% shareholder and in which the qualified health plan is established		
10.	Enter any amount from Form 2555, line 45, attributable to the amount entered on line 2 or line 9 above, or any amount from Form 2555-EZ, line 18, attributable to the amount entered on line 9 above	10.	0
	Note. In you are not filing Form 2555 or 2555-EZ, enter -0		
11.	Subtract line 10 from line 8 or 9, whichever applies	11.	25,381
	Enter your self-employed health insurance deduction for nonspecified premiums from Worksheet P, line 3, or Worksheet 6-A, line 14, in chapter 6 of Publication 535		
13.	Subtract line 12 from line 11	13.	25,381
	Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 13		
	Add lines 12 and 14. Then use one of the methods that follow to figure the PTC and the	. 4.	
13.	self-employed health insurance deduction for specified premiums	15.	10,300

^{*}If you used either optional method to figure your net earnings from self-employment, do not enter your net profit. Instead, enter the amount from Schedule SE, Section B, line 4b.

The Simplified Calculation Method for Carla

Step 1. Carla figures her AGI, modified AGI, and household income using \$10,300 as the self-employed health insurance deduction. (She does **not** enter \$10,300 on Form 1040, line 29.) Her AGI is \$72,125, figured as follows.

Total income from Form 1040, line 22	\$87,044
Minus: deductible part of self-employment	
tax	(2,119)
Minus: qualified retirement plan deduction	(2,500)
Minus: self-employed health insurance	
deduction from Worksheet X, line 15	(10,300)
Equals: AGI	72,125

Carla uses this AGI amount on Worksheet 1-1. Taxpayer's Modified AGI Worksheet—Line 2a (not illustrated) in the Form 8962 instructions to figure her modified AGI and household income. Her modified AGI and household income are each \$72,125, the same as her AGI figured in this Step 1.

Step 2. Carla figures the total PTC on Form 8962 using the modified AGI and household income figured in Step 1. This Form 8962 is shown later in this publication for purposes of illustration and labeled "Carla's Step 2 PTC." She completes this Form 8962 only through line 24. She uses the total PTC shown on line 24 (\$5,148) to figure the self-employed health insurance deduction in Step 3, later. She does **not** attach this Form 8962 to her tax return.

^{**}Earned income includes net earnings and gains from the sale, transfer, or licensing of property you created. However, it does not include capital gain income. If you were a more-than-2% shareholder in the S corporation under which the insurance plan is established, earned income is your Medicare wages (box 5 of Form W-2) from that corporation.

Step 3. Carla completes the following worksheet to figure the self-employed health insurance deduction she will enter on Form 1040, line 29.

	Carla's Step 3 Worksheet		
1.	Enter the amount from Worksheet W, line 5. If you did not complete Worksheet W, enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 1	1.	12,000
2.	Enter the total PTC (Form 8962, line 24) you figured in Step 2, earlier	2.	5,148
3.	Enter the number of months in 2014 for which specified premiums were paid	3.	12
	Note. Self-employment for part of a month counts as a full month of self-employment.		
4.	Enter the number of months someone in your coverage family was enrolled in the	4.	12
5.	qualified health plan	4. 5.	1.0
6.	Multiply line 5 by line 2	6.	5,148
7.	Subtract line 6 from line 1	7.	6,852
8.	Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 14	8.	10,300
9.	Enter the smaller of line 7 or line 8	9.	6,852
10.	Enter the amount from Worksheet X, line 12		0
11.	Add lines 9 and 10. Use this amount as your self-employed health insurance deduction in <u>Step 4</u> next. Also enter this amount on line 29 of Form 1040 or Form		
	1040NR	11.	6,852

Step 4. Carla refigures the final PTC on another Form 8962. This Form 8962 is shown later in this publication for purposes of illustration and is labeled "Carla's Step 4 PTC." Carla figures AGI, modified AGI, and household income using the amount from line 11 of the Step 3 Worksheet as her self-employed health insurance deduction. Her AGI is \$75,573, figured as follows.

Total income from Form 1040, line 22	\$87,044
Minus: deductible part of self-employment	
tax	(2,119)
Minus: qualified retirement plan deduction	(2,500)
Minus: self-employed health insurance deduction from line 11 of the Step 3	
Worksheet	(6,852)
Equals: AGI	75,573

Carla uses this AGI amount on Worksheet 1-1. Tax-payer's Modified AGI Worksheet—Line 2a (not illustrated) in the Form 8962 instructions to refigure her modified AGI and household income. Her modified AGI and household income are each \$75,573, the same as her AGI figured above.

Carla completes Form 8962 through line 26. She enters the amount from line 26 (\$621) on Form 1040, line 69, and attaches Form 8962.

Carla's Step 2 PTC

Form **8962**

Premium Tax Credit (PTC)

► Attach to Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040NR.

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▶ Information about Form 8962 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8962.

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Name	shown on your r	eturn				۱ ا	our social s	security number		Re	elief	
C	arla and Jim B	3irch					000-0	00-0000		(se	ee instructions)	Ш
Part	1: Annual a	and Monthly Co	ntribu	tion /	A mou	nt						
1	Family Size:	Enter the number of	f exempt	ions fr	om For	m 1040 or Fo	orm 1040	A, line 6d, or Form 104	1	4		
2a		GI: Enter your mo		2a	72	2,125		r total of your depen (see instructions) .	dents' modified	2b		
3	•	ncome: Add the am	ı	lines 2	2a and	2b	٠	·		3	72,125	5
4	Federal Poverty Line: Enter the federal poverty amount as determined by the family size on line 1 and the fed poverty table for your state of residence during the tax year (see instructions). Check the appropriate box for federal poverty table used. a Alaska b Hawaii c Other 48 states and Do							riate box for the	4	23,550)	
5								e 4. Enter the result rou 55.) (See instructions fo		5	300	5 %
6	Is the result	entered on line 5 les	s than o	r equa	I to 400	%? (See ins	tructions i	f the result is less than	100%.)			
	Yes. Continue to line 7. No. You are not eligible to receive PTC. If you received advance payment of PTC, see the instructions for how to report your Excess Advance PTC Repayment amount.											
7	Applicable F	igure: Using your line	5 perce	ntage,	locate	your "applica	ble figure"	on the table in the inst	ructions	7	.095	5
8a	Annual Con Multiply line	tribution for Health 3 by line 7		8a	6	6,852		hly Contribution for He a by 12. Round to whole		8b	57	1
Part	2: Premiur	n Tax Credit Cla	aim an	d Re	conci	liation of	Advanc	e Payment of Pre	emium Tax Cre	edit		
9			•	•	•	•	•	and want to use the alte	ernative calculation	n? (se	ee instructions)	
		o to Part 4, Shared Pol	•					•	No. Continue to			
10		,			0	, ,		r with no changes in month			,	
	and continu	ontinue to line 11. (Compute	your	annual	PTC. Skip lii	nes 12-23		No. Continue four monthly PTC a			
	una contina		R Ann	uıal Pro	mium						F. Annual Adv	
Annual Amou			Amou	ount of SLCSP Contribut		C. And Contribution (Line	on Amount Premium Assistance -		E. Annual Premium Tax Credit Allowed (Smaller of A or D)		Payment of PTC	
11	Annual Totals	12,000	12	12,000 6		6,85			5,148		4,200	
Monthly Calculation (For		A. Monthly Premium Amount (Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column A)	B. Monthly Premium Amount of SLCSP (Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21–32, column B)		(Amount from line 8h		D. Monthly Maximum Premium Assistance (Subtract C from B)	E. Monthly Premi Tax Credit Allow (Smaller of A or	ed (F. Monthly Adv Payment of F Form(s) 1095-A 21-32, colum	PTC A, lines	
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25	Advance Pa	lyment of PTC: Enter	tne amo	ount tro	om iine	i i F or add i	ines 12F ti	hrough 23F and enter t	the total here .	25	+	
26	1040, line 69 If line 24 equ	; Form 1040A, line 45; als line 25, enter zero.	or Form	1040NF e. If line	R, line 69 25 is gr	5. If you electereater than line	ed the alter e 24, leave	 Enter the difference rnative calculation for ma this line blank and contir 	rriage, enter zero.	26		
Part	3: Repaym	ent of Excess A	Advanc	e Pa	ymen	t of the P	remium	Tax Credit				
27	Excess Adva	ance Payment of PTC	: If line 25	ī is gre	ater tha	n line 24, sub	tract line 2	24 from line 25. Enter the	e difference here	27		
28		Limitation: Using the instructions. Enter				e 5 and you	ır filing st	atus, locate the repa	yment limitation	28		
29								27 or line 28 here and		29		
For P		duction Act Notice,						Cat. No. 377			Form 8962	(2014)

Carla's Step 4 PTC

Premium Tax Credit (PTC)

► Attach to Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040NR.

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Ca	ırla and Jim E	3irch				000-0	00-0000		(se	e instructions)	Ш
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1	Family Size:	Enter the number of	f exempti	ons from Fo	orm 1040 or F	orm 1040	A, line 6d, or Form 104	1		 }	
2 a		GI: Enter your mo		2a 7	75,573	b Enter total of your dependents' modified AGI (see instructions)					
3	,	ncome: Add the amo			d 2b				2b 3	75,573	 3
4	Federal Pov	erty Line: Enter the e for your state of re	federal p	overty amo during the	unt as detern	instruction	ne family size on line 1 ns). Check the approp c 🗸 Other 48 s	riate box for the	4	23,550	
5			•			•	e 4. Enter the result rou		5	32	1 %
6	percentage. (For example, for 1.542 enter the result as 154, for 1.549 enter as 155.) (See instructions for special rules.) Is the result entered on line 5 less than or equal to 400%? (See instructions if the result is less than 100%.)									02	70
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9	Did you shar	re a policy with anot	her taxpa	yer or get r	narried during	the year a	and want to use the alt	ernative calculation	n? (se	e instructions)
	Yes. Skip	to Part 4, Shared Pol	icy Allocat	tion, or Part 5	, Alternative C	alculation fo	r Year of Marriage.	No. Continue to	line	10.	
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	✓ Yes. Co and continue	ontinue to line 11.	Compute	your annua	I PTC. Skip I	ines 12-23	_	No. Continue four monthly PTC a	to lines 12-23. Compute		
	and Continue		D Annu	IOI Dromium			,	,			
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How To Get Tax Help

Do you need help with a tax issue or preparing your tax return, or do you need a free publication or form?

Preparing and filing your tax return. Find free options to prepare and file your return on IRS.gov or in your local community if you qualify.

- Go to IRS.gov and click on the Filing tab to see your options.
- Enter "Free File" in the search box to use brand name software to prepare and e-file your federal tax return for free.
- Enter "VITA" in the search box, download the free IRS2Go app, or call 1-800-906-9887 to find the nearest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) location for free tax preparation.
- Enter "TCE" in the search box, download the free IRS2Go app, or call 1-888-227-7669 to find the nearest Tax Counseling for the Elderly location for free tax preparation.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited-English-speaking taxpayers who need help preparing their own tax returns. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older. TCE volunteers specialize in answering questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

Getting answers to your tax law questions. IRS.gov and IRS2Go are ready when you are—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Enter "ITA" in the search box on IRS.gov for the Interactive Tax Assistant, a tool that will ask you questions on a number of tax law topics and provide answers. You can print the entire interview and the final response.
- Enter "Tax Map" or "Tax Trails" in the search box for detailed information by tax topic.
- Enter "Pub 17" in the search box to get Pub. 17, Your Federal Income Tax for Individuals, which features details on tax-saving opportunities, 2014 tax changes, and thousands of interactive links to help you find answers to your questions.
- Call TeleTax at 1-800-829-4477 for recorded information on a variety of tax topics.
- Access tax law information in your electronic filing software.
- Go to IRS.gov and click on the Help & Resources tab for more information.

Tax forms and publications. You can download or print all of the forms and publications you may need on www.irs.gov/formspubs. Otherwise, you can:

- Go to <u>www.irs.gov/orderforms</u> to place an order and have forms mailed to you, or
- Call 1-800-829-3676 to order current-year forms, instructions, publications, and prior-year forms and instructions (limited to 5 years).

You should receive your order within 10 business days.

Where to file your tax return.

- There are many ways to file your return electronically.
 It's safe, quick and easy. See Preparing and filing your tax return, earlier, for more information.
- See your tax return instructions to determine where to mail your completed paper tax return.

Getting a transcript or copy of a return.

- Go to IRS.gov and click on "Get Transcript of Your Tax Records" under "Tools."
- Download the free IRS2Go app to your smart phone and use it to order transcripts of your tax returns or tax account.
- Call the transcript toll-free line at 1-800-908-9946.
- Mail Form 4506-T or Form 4506T-EZ (both available on IRS.gov).

Using online tools to help prepare your return. Go to IRS.gov and click on the Tools bar to use these and other self-service options.

- The <u>Earned Income Tax Credit Assistant</u> determines if you are eligible for the EIC.
- The <u>First Time Homebuyer Credit Account Look-up</u> tool provides information on your repayments and account balance.
- The <u>Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) Assistant</u> determines whether you may be subject to AMT.
- The <u>Online EIN Application</u> helps you get an Employer Identification Number.
- The <u>IRS Withholding Calculator</u> estimates the amount you should have withheld from your paycheck for federal income tax purposes.
- The <u>Electronic Filing PIN Request</u> helps to verify your identity when you do not have your prior year AGI or prior year self-selected PIN available.

Understanding identity theft issues.

- Go to <u>www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection</u> for information and videos.
- If your SSN has been lost or stolen or you suspect you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, visit www.irs.gov/identitytheft to learn what steps you should take.

Checking on the status of a refund.

- Go to www.irs.gov/refunds.
- Download the free IRS2Go app to your smart phone and use it to check your refund status.
- Call the automated refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954.

Making a tax payment. You can make electronic payments online, by phone, or from a mobile device. Paying electronically is safe and secure. The IRS uses the latest encryption technology and does not store banking information. It's easy and secure and much quicker than mailing in a check or money order. Go to IRS.gov and click on the Payments tab or the "Pay Your Tax Bill" icon to make a payment using the following options.

- <u>Direct Pay</u> (only if you are an individual who has a checking or savings account).
- Debit or credit card.
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System.
- · Check or money order.

What if I can't pay now? Click on the Payments tab or the "Pay Your Tax Bill" icon on IRS.gov to find more information about these additional options.

- An <u>online payment agreement</u> determines if you are eligible to apply for an installment agreement if you cannot pay your taxes in full today. With the needed information, you can complete the application in about 30 minutes, and get immediate approval.
- An offer in compromise allows you to settle your tax debt for less than the full amount you owe. Use the <u>Offer in Compromise Pre-Qualifier</u> to confirm your eligibility.

Checking the status of an amended return. Go to IRS.gov and click on the Tools tab and then <u>Where's My</u> Amended Return?

Understanding an IRS notice or letter. Enter "Understanding your notice" in the search box on IRS.gov to find additional information about your IRS notice or letter.

Visiting the IRS. Locate the nearest Taxpayer Assistance Center using the Office Locator tool on IRS.gov. Enter "office locator" in the search box. Or choose the "Contact Us" option on the IRS2Go app and search Local Offices. Before you visit, use the Locator tool to check hours and services available.

Watching IRS videos. The IRS Video portal www.irsvideos.gov contains video and audio presentations on topics of interest to individuals, small businesses, and tax professionals. You'll find video clips of tax topics, archived versions of live panel discussions and Webinars, and audio archives of tax practitioner phone forums.

Getting tax information in other languages. For tax-payers whose native language is not English, we have the following resources available.

- 1. Taxpayers can find information on IRS.gov in the following languages.
 - a. Spanish.
 - b. Chinese.
 - c. Vietnamese.
 - d. Korean.
 - e. Russian.
- 2. The IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers provide over-the-phone interpreter service in over 170 languages, and the service is available free to taxpayers.

The Taxpayer Advocate Service Is Here To Help You

What is the Taxpayer Advocate Service?

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an *independent* organization within the Internal Revenue Service that helps taxpayers and protects taxpayer rights. Our job is to ensure that every taxpayer is treated fairly and that you know and understand your rights under the <u>Taxpayer Bill</u> of Rights.

What Can the Taxpayer Advocate Service Do For You?

We can help you resolve problems that you can't resolve with the IRS. And our service is free. If you qualify for our assistance, you will be assigned to one advocate who will work with you throughout the process and will do everything possible to resolve your issue. TAS can help you if:

- Your problem is causing financial difficulty for you, your family, or your business,
- You face (or your business is facing) an immediate threat of adverse action, or
- You've tried repeatedly to contact the IRS but no one has responded, or the IRS hasn't responded by the date promised.

How Can You Reach Us?

We have offices <u>in every state</u>, <u>the District of Columbia</u>, <u>and Puerto Rico</u>. Your local advocate's number is in your local directory and at <u>www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov</u>. You can also call us at 1-877-777-4778.

How Can You Learn About Your Taxpayer Rights?

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights describes ten basic rights that all taxpayers have when dealing with the IRS. Our Tax Toolkit at <u>www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov</u> can help you understand <u>what these rights mean to you</u> and how they apply. These are **your** rights. Know them. Use them.

How Else Does the Taxpayer Advocate Service Help Taxpayers?

TAS works to resolve large-scale problems that affect many taxpayers. If you know of one of these broad issues, please report it to us at www.irs.gov/sams.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) serve individuals whose income is below a certain level and need to resolve

tax problems such as audits, appeals, and tax collection disputes. Some clinics can provide information about tax-payer rights and responsibilities in different languages for individuals who speak English as a second language. To find a clinic near you, visit www.irs.gov/litc or see IRS Publication 4134, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List.